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PART I

The Church.

CHAPTER I.

Origin of the United Brethren in Christ.

In the eighteenth century it pleased the Lord our God to aken persons in different parts of the world who should se up the Christian religion from its fallen state and each the gospel of Christ crucified in its purity.

About the middle of said century, the Lord, in mercy, nembered the Germans in America, who, living scat-ed in this extensive country, seldom had an opportunity hear the gospel of a crucified Savior preached to them their native language.

Among others, he raised up William Otterbein and artin Boehm, in the State of Pennsylvania, and George Guething, in the State of Maryland, armed them with rit, grace, and strength to labor in his neglected vine-rd, and to call, among the Germans in America, sinners repentance. These men obeyed the call of their Lord d Master. Their labors were blessed, and they estab-hed in many places excellent societies and led many cious souls to Jesus Christ. Their sphere of action ead more and more, so that they found it necessary to k about for more fellow-laborers to toil in the vineyard the Lord; for the harvest was great and the laborers re few. The Lord called others, who were willing to vote their strength to his service. Such persons were cepted by one or another of the preachers as fellow-orers.

The number of members in the society in different parts the country continued to increase as time passed, and gracious work of reformation spread through the ates of Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia. Several at meetings were appointed and held annually. On h occasions Otterbein would hold particular conver-ions with the preachers then present, and represent to m the importance of the ministry and the necessity of

their utmost endeavors to save souls. At one of these meet ings it was resolved to hold a conference of all the preach ers, in order to consider in what manner they might b most useful.

The first conference was held in the city of Baltimore Maryland, in the year of our Lord 1789. The followin preachers were present:

WILLIAM OTTERBEIN,	ADAM LEHMAN,
MARTIN BOEHM,	JOHN ERNST,
GEO. A. GUETHING,	HENRY WEIDNER.

CHRISTIAN NEWCOMER.

The second conference was held in Paradise Township York County, Pennsylvania, at the house of BROTHE JOHN SPANGLER, in the year of our Lord 1791. The fol lowing preachers were present:

WILLIAM OTTERBEIN,	JOHN ERNST,
MARTIN BOEHM,	J. G. PFRIMMER,
GEO. A. GUETHING,	JOHN NEIDIG,
CHRISTIAN NEWCOMER,	BENEDICT SANDERS,

ADAM LEHMAN.

After mature deliberations as to how they might labo most usefully in the vineyard of the Lord, they again ap pointed as fellow-laborers such as they had come to be lieve had experienced true religion in their souls.

Meantime, the number of members continued to increase and the preachers were obliged to appoint an annual con ference, in order to unite themselves more closely and t labor more successfully in the vineyard of the Lord; fo some had been Presbyterians or German Reformed, som Lutherans, and others Mennonites. They accordingly ap pointed a conference to be held on the 25th of September 1800, in Frederick County, Maryland, at the house o BROTHER FREDERICK KEMP. The following preachers were present:

WILLIAM OTTERBEIN,	CHRISTIAN KRUM,
MARTIN BOEHM,	HENRY KRUM,
GEO. GUETHING,	JOHN HERSHEY,
CHRISTIAN NEWCOMER,	JACOB GEISINGER,
ADAM LEHMAN,	HENRY BOEHM,
ABRAHAM TROXEL,	DIETRICH AURAND,

J. G. PFRIMMER.

'here they united themselves into a society which bears name "UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST," and elected LLIAM OTTERBEIN and MARTIN BOEHM as superintend- s, or bishops, and agreed that each of them should 'e liberty as to the mode of baptism, to administer it ording to his own convictions.

'rom this time, the society increasing still more and re, preachers were appointed to travel regularly, as the nber of preaching-places could not otherwise be sup- ed. The work soon extended into the States of Ohio and ntucky. It then became necessary to appoint a con- ence in the State of Ohio, because it was thought too orious for the preachers who labored in those States travel annually such a great distance to conference.

Meantime, MARTIN BOEHM and GEORGE A. GUETHING d, and BISHOP OTTERBEIN desired that another bishop uld be elected (because infirmity and old age would permit him to superintend any longer,) who should e charge of the society, and preserve discipline and ler. It was resolved at a former conference that when- r one of the bishops died another should be elected in place. Accordingly, CHRISTIAN NEWCOMER was elected hop, to take charge of and superintend the concerns of society.

The want of a book of discipline in the society had long n deeply felt. Partial attempts to provide one had been de at different times. Hence it was resolved, at the iference held in the State of Ohio, that a General Con- ence should be held, in order to provide the same, in a nner not derogatory to the Word of God. The members this conference were to be elected from among the achers in the different parts of the country by a vote the society in general. The following brethren were duly cted:

CHRISTIAN NEWCOMER,	DANIEL TROYER,
ABRAHAM HIESTAND,	GEORGE BENEDUM,
ANDREW ZELLER,	ABRAHAM TROXEL,
CHRISTIAN BERGER,	HENRY G. SPAYTH,
ABRAHAM MAYER,	I. NISWANDER,
JOHN SCHNEIDER,	CHRISTIAN KRUM,
HENRY KUMLER,	JACOB BOWLUS.

The conference convened on the 6th of June, 1815, near t. Pleasant, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. After

mature deliberation, they presented to their brethren Book of Discipline, containing the doctrine and rules the Church, desiring that these, together with the Wor of God, should be strictly observed, and admonishing th membership in the following manner:

God is a God of order; but where there is no order an no church discipline, the spirit of love and charity will b lost.

Therefore, brethren, we beseech you to follow the ex ample of our Lord, as it is written, "Be kindly affectione one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferrin one another." Let the mind be in you which was i Christ, who took upon him the form of a servant, hum bled himself, and became obedient unto death, even th death of the cross, that by his grace we may submit our selves one to another in the fear of God. He who will no submit is in want of humble love. Jesus said, "Whosoeve of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all." "B this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye hav love one to another." "He that loveth not his brothe abideth in death." Let us walk in newness of life, tha the prayer of our Lord may be answered in us; that w may be one in him, and that he may give us the glor which he gave to his disciples, that we may be one, eve as he and the Father are one. Therefore, beloved breth ren, let us strive to be like-minded, having the same love being of one accord, of one mind. Let no one speak o think evil of his brother but pray God that he may gran us his spirit, and an earnest desire to lead a truly devote life, to the honor and glory of his holy name. Amen.

EDITORS' NOTE.—The foregoing account of the origin of th CHURCH OF THE UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST appeared in th Discipline of 1815, the first Discipline published. Only th slightest changes in phraseology, as the years have passed, hav been made. The place of the Conference of 1800, given a Frederick Kemp's, is the same as the residence of Peter Kemp as in the history of the United Brethren Church, the two me being father and son, and the farm passing from the possessio of one to that of the other. The present Discipline contain the Confession of Faith and the Constitution as amended ac cording to the action of the General Conference of 1885, an approved and confirmed by the General Conference of 1889 The Confession of Faith appeared in its first printed form i 1815. The Constitution, in its earlier form, was adopted i 1841.

CHAPTER II.

Confession of Faith.

N the name of God, we declare and confess before all the following articles of our belief:

Article I.—Of God and the Holy Trinity.

/e believe in the only true God, the Father, the Son, the Holy Ghost; that these three are one—the Father the Son, the Son in the Father, and the Holy Ghost al in essence or being with the Father and the Son.

Article II.—Of Creation and Providence.

/e believe that this triune God created the heavens and earth, and all that in them is, visible and invisible; : he sustains, protects, and governs these, with gra- s regard for the welfare of man, to the glory of his .e.

Article III.—Of Jesus Christ.

/e believe in Jesus Christ; that he is very God and ; that he became incarnate by the power of the Holy st and was born of the Virgin Mary; that he is the ior and Mediator of the whole human race, if they full faith accept the grace proffered in Jesus; that Jesus suffered and died on the cross for us, was bur- rose again on the third day, ascended into heaven, sitteth on the right hand of God, to intercede for us; that he will come again at the last day to judge the ıg and the dead.

Article IV.—Of the Holy Ghost.

'e believe in the Holy Ghost; that he is equal in be- with the Father and the Son; that he convinces the d of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment; that he forts the faithful and guides them into all truth.

Article V.—Of the Holy Scriptures.

'e believe that the Holy Bible, Old and New Testa- ts, is the word of God; that it reveals the only true

way to our salvation; that every true Christian is bou to acknowledge and receive it by the help of the Spirit God as the only rôle and guide in faith and practice.

Article VI.—Of the Church.

We believe in a holy Christian church, composed of tru believers, in which the word of God is preached by me divinely called, and the ordinances are duly administered that this divine institution is for the maintenance of wo ship, for the edification of believers, and the conversion the world to Christ.

Article VII.—Of the Sacraments.

We believe that the sacraments, baptism and the Lord Supper, are to be used in the Church, and should be pra ticed by all Christians; but the mode of baptism and th manner of observing the Lord's Supper are always to b left to the judgment and understanding of each individua Also, the baptism of children shall be left to the jud ment of believing parents.

The *example* of the washing of feet is to be left to th judgment of each one, to practice or not.

Article VIII.—Of Depravity.

We believe that man is fallen from original righteou ness, and, apart from the grace of our Lord Jesus Chris is not only entirely destitute of holiness, but is inclined evil, and only evil, and that continually; and that excep a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of heave

Article IX.—Of Justification.

We believe that penitent sinners are justified before Go only by faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and not by works yet that good works in Christ are acceptable to God, an spring out of a true and living faith.

Article X.—Of Regeneration and Adoption.

We believe that regeneration is the renewal of the hea of man after the image of God, through the word, by th act of the Holy Ghost, by which the believer receives th spirit of adoption, and is enabled to serve God with th will and the affections.

Article XI.—Of Sanctification.

'e believe that sanctification is the work of God's e, through the word and the Spirit, by which those have been born again are separated in their acts, ds, and thoughts from sin, and are enabled to live God, and to follow holiness, without which no man l see the Lord.

Article XII.—Of the Christian Sabbath.

'e believe that the Christian Sabbath is divinely ap- ted; that it is commemorative of our Lord's resurrec- from the grave and is an emblem of our eternal rest; it is essential to the welfare of the civil community, to the permanence and growth of the Christian church, that it should be reverently observed as a day of holy and of social and public worship.

Article XIII.—Of the Future State.

'e believe in the resurrection of the dead; the future ral judgment; and an eternal state of rewards, in ch the righteous dwell in endless life, and the wicked in ess punishment.

CHAPTER III.

CONSTITUTION.

IN the name of God, we, the members of the CHURCH O THE UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST, for the work of th ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, for th more speedy and effectual spread of the gospel, and i order to produce and secure uniformity in faith and prac tice, to define the powers and business of the General Con ference as recognized by this Church, and to preserve in violate the popular will of the membership of the Church do ordain this CONSTITUTION:

Article I.

SECTION 1. All ecclesiastical power herein granted t enact or repeal any rule or rules of Discipline is vested i a General Conference which shall consist of elders an laymen elected in each annual-conference district through out the Church. The number and ratio of elders and lay men, and the mode of their election, shall be determine by the General Conference.

Provided, however, That such elders shall have stood a elders in the conferences which they are to represent fo no less time than three years next preceding the meetin of the General Conference to which they are elected; an that such laymen shall be not less than twenty-five year of age, and shall have been members of the Church si years, and members in the conference districts which the are to represent at least three years next preceding th meeting of the General Conference to which they are elected

SEC. 2. The General Conference shall convene every fou years, and a majority of the whole number of delegate elected shall constitute a quorum.

SEC. 3. The ministerial and lay delegates shall delib erate and vote together as one body; but the General Con ference shall have power to provide for a vote by separat orders whenever it deems it best to do so; and in suc cases the concurrent vote of both orders shall be necessar to complete an action.

EC. 4. The General Conference shall at such session, t bishops from among the elders throughout the Church have stood six years in that capacity.

EC. 5. The bishops shall be members *ex officio* and pre- ng officers of the General Conference; but in case no iop be present, the Conference shall choose a president *tem.*

EC. 6. The General Conference shall determine the iber and boundaries of the annual conferences.

EC. 7. The General Conference shall have power to ew the records of the annual conferences and see that business of each annual conference is done strictly in ordance with the Discipline, and approve or annul, as case may require.

EC. 8. The General Conference shall have full control he United Brethren Printing Establishment, the Home sionary Society and the Foreign Missionary Society al successors to the Home, Frontier, and Foreign Mis- ary Society of the United Brethren in Christ), the rch Erection Society, the general Sabbath School Board, Board of Education, and the Bonebrake Theological Sem- y. It shall also have power to establish and manage other organization or institution within the Church h it may deem helpful in the work of evangelization.

EC. 9. The General Conference shall have power to es- sh a court of appeals.

EC. 10. The General Conference may—two-thirds of the bers elected thereto concurring—propose changes in, or tions to the Confession of Faith; provided, that the urrence of three-fourths of the annual conferences shall ecessary to their final ratification.

Article II.

e General Conference shall have power as provided rticle I., Section 1, of this Constitution, to make rules regulations for the Church; nevertheless, it shall be ct to the following limitations and restrictions:

CTION 1. The General Conference shall enact no rule rdinance which will change or destroy the Confession aith, and shall establish no standard of doctrine con- to the Confession of Faith.

C. 2. The General Conference shall enact no rule h will destroy the itinerant plan.

SEC. 3. The General Conference shall enact no rul which will deprive local preachers of their votes in th annual conferences to which they severally belong.

SEC. 4. The General Conference shall enact no rul which will abolish the right of appeal.

Article III.

SECTION 1. We declare that all secret combinations whic infringe upon the rights of those outside their organ zation and whose principles and practices are injurio to the Christian character of their members are contrar to the Word of God, and that Christians ought to have n connection with them.

The General Conference shall have power to enact su rules of discipline with respect to such combinations as its judgment it may deem proper.

SEC. 2. We declare that human slavery is a violati of human rights and contrary to the Word of God. It sha therefore in no wise be tolerated among us.

Article IV.

The right, title, interest, and claim of all property, bo real and personal, of whatever name or description, c tained by purchase or otherwise, by any person or pe sons, for the use, benefit, and behoof of the Church of t United Brethren in Christ, are hereby fully recognized, a held to vest in the Church aforesaid.

Article V.

SECTION 1. Amendments to this Constitution may proposed by any General Conference,—two-thirds of t proposed by any General Conference—two-thirds of t shall be submitted to a vote of the membership throughc the Church, under regulations authorized by said conf ence.

A majority of all the votes cast upon any submitt amendment shall be necessary to its final ratification.

SEC. 2. The foregoing amended Constitution shall be force from and after the first Monday after the secc Thursday of May, 1889, upon official proclamation the of by the board of bishops; provided that the Gene Conference elected for 1889 shall be the lawful legislat body under the amended Constitution, with full power, til its final adjournment to enact such rules as this amen Constitution authorizes.

PART II

Membership, Government, and Ministry

CHAPTER IV.

MEMBERS.

SECTION I.

RECEPTION OF MEMBERS.

. When at any meeting there are persons who desire unite with the Church, the officiating minister shall the applicants forward and address them as follows:

)EAR FRIENDS: Inasmuch as you present yourselves for iission into the Church of the United Brethren in ist, we rejoice with you that through the grace of God have been brought to a knowledge of the truth, and e been made partakers of his great salvation. The ileges you seek are above price, and the duties enjoined solemn. It is proper that you publicly confess your h and avow your purpose by answering the following stions:

Questions to Applicants.

(1) Do you believe the Bible to be the word of God, that therein only is contained the knowledge of the of salvation?

2) Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, do you accept him as your personal Savior?

3) Are you determined by the grace of God to follow st, renouncing the world and all ungodliness, seeking ad a life of holiness and devotion to God and his cause?

4) Are you willing to be governed by our Church ipline?

5) Will you contribute to the support of the gospel as prospers you?

6) Have you been baptized?

f the answer to this question be in the negative, then applicant shall be instructed to attend to the duty as as practicable.]

Acceptance of Applicants.

If the persons answer the above questions in the natives, and no lawful objections be made by any mem-

ber, then the preacher shall give his right hand to suc persons as members of our Church. Then the members the Church will stand, and the minister will repeat th covenant, as follows: "Do you, the members of the Churc of the United Brethren in Christ, enter into a covena with this applicant [or these applicants] for membershi and promise to watch over, instruct, counsel, and cheri him [or her or them] with all long-suffering, gentleness, a love?" The Church will then answer, "By the grace of Go we will." After which the hand of fellowship may extended. The preacher shall then register the names the accepted members in the Church record.

Committee on Applicants for Membership.

4. A local church, when it deems it advisable for its pr tection against imposition, may appoint a committee applicants for membership, who, together with the past may make inquiry as to the advisability of admitting su applicants to membership in the Church according to t foregoing requirements.

Receiving Children.

5. Believing, according to the teaching of Jesus, th little children are in the kingdom of heaven, pastors a authorized to enroll children under the watch care of t Church when parents so desire, and to receive into f membership children who publicly confess Christ as th Savior.

Pastors are required to instruct children in the Word God and the principles and duties of the Christian life.

Receiving Persons from Other Churches.

6. When persons come to us with certificates of go standing in other recognized evangelical churches, they sh answer the fourth and fifth questions affirmatively, and t hand of fellowship may be given them as in other cases.

Seekers.

7. Any persons giving evidence that they are sincer seeking the Lord may be received under the watch care the Church by having their names placed upon the chu book, but shall not be reported as members, nor shall th have a vote in the Church until they shall have conform to the conditions in this section relating to the recepti of members.

3. If any person thus received under the watch care of Church shall cease to manifest a desire to seek the rd, the preacher in charge, by the consent of the local urch or the official board, may, at any time, after per-al but unsuccessful labor for his salvation, drop the ne of such seeker.

Preacher's Responsibility.

4. Any preacher refusing or neglecting to ask the fore-ng questions, except in the case of children, or who shall eive members into the Church in violation of this order, ll be answerable for the same to the conference of ch he is a member.

SECTION II.

DUTIES OF MEMBERS.

Means of Grace.

Every member shall endeavor to lead a godly life; rve the ordinances of God's house, namely, baptism and remembrance of the sufferings and death of our Lord us Christ; be diligent in prayer, particularly in private, for his own edification attend our prayer meetings, class-ings, and meetings for public worship.

Family Piety.

Heads of families should never omit to pray with families, morning and evening, and to set them a example in all the Christian virtues.

Singing.

It is the duty of all the people of God to sing his es, and to sing them in the great congregation as well the private circle. It is therefore earnestly advised all our people cultivate vocal music so that the sing-n our congregations may be improved. As a help to end, let all our people provide themselves with hymn-s for use in public and social worship.

Love to Others.

Every one should strive to walk as in the presence od, and accustom himself to a close communion with in all his employments. He should never speak evil s fellow men, but practice love toward friend and foe,

do good to the poor, and endeavor to be a follower of Jes
Christ indeed.

Sabbath Observance.

5. Every one shall keep the Sabbath day holy, as r
quired in the Word of God; neither buy nor sell, but spe
the same in exercises of devotion, in reading and heari
the Word of God, and in singing spiritual hymns to t
honor and glory of God.

Obedience to Government.

6. It is the duty of every member to lead a qui
peaceable, and godly life among men; as it becomes
Christian to live in peace and be subject to the higher
ruling powers, as the Word of God requires.

Sunday Schools.

7. It is the duty of our members to encourage our S
day schools by their presence, and always to give th
their aid and influence.

Young People's Society.

8. It is the duty of the young members of the Chu
to join the Young People's society and by faithfulness to
requirements seek to develop Christian character and
ciency in Christian work.

Support of the Gospel.

9. It is the duty of all members of the Church to pay
ward the support of the itinerant ministry, weekly, mont
or quarterly, in proportion to their ability, as God has p
pered them; for the Lord hath ordained that they who pre
the gospel shall live of the gospel. (I. Cor. 9:14; I. T
5:18.) It is earnestly urged that all our people prac
the Bible method of weekly contributions. "Upon the
day of the week let every one of you lay by him in st
as God hath prospered him." (I. Cor. 16:2.)

Delinquent Members.

10. Any member refusing to pay toward the suppor
the Church may be reported by the steward to the clas
official board, and, if refusal is persisted in, may be suspe
or expelled, as the local church or official board may
termine. In case a member is suspended, all his privil

d functions as a member of the Church cease during such spension.

Support of General Interests.

11. It is also the duty of all our members to contribute, cording to their ability, to the support of the various nevolent interests of the Church.

Receiving Ministers.

12. It is the duty of all districts, stations, circuits, and ssions cheerfully to receive the preachers appointed by stationing committees of the respective conferences.

Care of the Poor.

13. Each member of our Church should willingly and ely contribute quarterly, or oftener if need be, as God s prospered him (I. Cor. 16:2), to the support of the pless poor.

14. When it is known by any of our class-leaders at there are poor members of the class, who by sick-ss, accident, or other circumstances have been brought want, it shall be the duty of the leader in charge wait upon the class, or to appoint some one to do so, to such aid, money, clothing, or produce, as the circum-nces may require. Should any one class be unable to ieve its poor, this shall then be made known to the pas-, whose duty it shall be to inform the different classes his charge; and if it should so happen that any one arge should be unable to meet the wants of the poor, it ll be the duty of the conference superintendent to present matter to the quarterly conferences of the different arges, so that the unavoidably poor of our Church may be vided for. (I. John 3:17; Ps. 12:1, 2.)

Nonconformity to the World.

15. Inasmuch as the Lord has commanded us not to be formed to this world (Rom. 12:2), but to lay apart all hiness and superfluity of naughtiness (Jas. 1:21), and the principles of the Christian religion, as taught by h the precepts and example of the meek and adorable vior, are in strict and perfect accordance with these nmandments, we therefore humbly beseech and admonish members of our Church to observe these divine precepts. a like manner, also, that women adorn themselves in

modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; no with broidered hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array but (which becometh women professing godliness) wit good works" (I. Tim. 2:9, 10); and "whose adorning le it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, an of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let i be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not co ruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spiri which is in the sight of God of great price" (I. Pet. 3 3, 4).

Necessity of Union Among Ourselves.

16. Let us be deeply sensible of the evil of a division i principle, spirit, or practice, and of its dreadful cons quences to ourselves and others. If we are united, wha can stand before us? If we are divided, we shall injur ourselves, the work of God, and the souls of men. Ther fore,

(1) Let us be deeply convinced of the absolute nece sity of union.

(2) Let us pray earnestly for one another, and spea truly and freely to one another.

(3) When we meet, let us not part without praye if prayer is at all practicable.

(4) Let us take great care not to despise one another gifts.

(5) Let us never speak lightly of one another.

(6) Let us defend one another's character in every thing, as far as is consistent with truth.

(7) Let us labor, in honor each preferring another b fore himself.

(8) Let us seriously examine the causes, evils, an cures of heart and church divisions.

Duty of Obedience.

17. The foregoing rules are drawn up for the bett regulation of our Church, and we believe that they a founded upon the Word of God, and that their observan is incumbent upon all members. Should any violate or habi ually neglect these rules, they shall be admonished to refo mation by their respective class-leaders, and should th not reform, they shall be suspended or expelled, as the ca may require, by vote of the local church or official board.

SECTION III.

TRIAL OF MEMBERS.

Personal Trespass.

. When members trespass against one another, let the owing directions be followed:

"If thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell ı his fault between thee and him alone; if he shall hear e, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear e, then take with thee one or two more . . . And he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church; if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as heathen man and a publican" (Matt. 18: 15-17); that he shall be expelled by the local church or official board.

Immoral Conduct.

. In case of a member accused of immoral conduct, class or official board shall appoint one or more to t the accused person, and if possible reclaim him; but if uccessful, and the guilt be denied, he shall be tried by a ımittee of said class or board chosen by the parties con- ıed, with the preacher in charge of the circuit or station :hairman; and, if found guilty, the accused shall be ex- ed unless satisfaction be given. If the accused refuse choose his committeeman when properly notified, the rterly conference shall choose a second person, and these a third, which committee shall try the case and de- :. Yet cases may occur where it would be expedient choose a committee from some other class or classes ı the one to which the parties belong, in which : it shall be lawful to do so. Also, an elder may be sen as chairman, should the preacher in charge deem to be best. Should any member be dissatisfied with the sion, an appeal may be had to the quarterly conference, giving notice thereof to the preacher in charge, or sec- ry of the committee. (See Chapter X., Section I.) In ı cases, however, the same persons shall not sit in ;ment on the same case.

Disobedience to the Order of the Church.

In cases of neglect of duty of any kind, imprudent luct, indulging sinful tempers or words, or disobedience he order and discipline of the Church: First, let pri- reproof be given by the preacher or leader; and in

there be an acknowledgment of the fault, proper humil tion, and a promise to reform, the person may be bor with. On a second offense, the preacher or leader sh take with him one or two faithful members. On a thi offense, let the case be brought before the local chur official board, or a select committee; and if there be satisfactory humiliation, the offender shall be expelled vote of the local church or official board. In case t accused shall deny his guilt and demand a trial, and th be a reasonable doubt or question about his guilt, he sh be tried by a committee, and, if found guilty, he shall expelled. In case of trial under this clause, the leader sh act in behalf of the local church; or, if the leader be t offender, the steward shall act as prosecutor.

Disputes.

4. In case of a dispute between members or preache the preacher to whom it shall be known shall inquire i the circumstances of the case, and, if necessary, shall r ommend to the contending parties a reference to a co mittee consisting of one arbiter chosen by the plaint and another by the defendant, and a third by these tw then these three are to decide. But, if the preacher whom the dispute is known shall refuse or neglect to a then the quarterly conference shall appoint some one carry out the rule; and, if either or both disputants ref to choose an arbiter, the quarterly conference shall appo the first and second, and these two a third, who shall h the case and decide.

Right of Appeal.

5. Should either party be dissatisfied with the decisi an appeal may be taken to the next quarterly confere for a second arbitration, where each party shall choose t arbiters, and the four shall choose a fifth, a decision o majority of whom shall be final. Any member refusing abide by this decision shall be expelled without furt trial. Members of the church or congregation who present at a local church trial, but take no part in s trial, are not disqualified because of said presence fr sitting on the case, if an appeal is taken from the decis reached by said church.

Going to Law Forbidden.

6. Any member refusing, in case of debt or dispute, to 'er the matter to arbitration when recommended to him a preacher or leader, or who shall enter into lawsuit th another member before these measures are taken, all be dealt with as in case of other immoralities, ex-ɔt when the case is of such a nature as to require and stify a process at law, as in acting as administrators, or ıen a member is in danger, by delay, of suffering a loss property.

Record of Trials.

7. A faithful record of the proceedings of any church al conducted in a local church shall be kept by the urch clerk in a book provided for that purpose; and it all be his duty, in case of an appeal, to furnish his ɔord to the quarterly conference.

Order in Trials.

8. All church trials shall be conducted in a consistent ıristian manner, without the employment of magistrates d attorneys to administer oaths and conduct investiga-ɔns.

SECTION IV.

TRANSFER AND WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBERS.

Certificate of Transfer of Members.

1. When a member of our Church removes from one ıstoral charge to another, he shall obtain a certificate of ansfer by a majority vote of the membership, or official ard, of the local church of which he is a member, signed the pastor, or if there is no pastor, by the class-leader, e certificate to be in the form of No. 1, Section I., Chapter XXII., of our Book of Discipline.

A footnote shall be subjoined to all certificates of trans-r, as follows:

NOTE.—This is not a letter of dismissal from our Church, ıd it does not terminate the connection of the member ith the local church which grants the transfer until it deposited with another church.

Transfer of Non-Resident Members.

2. In case any member of our Church who does not side in reach of a local church shall make application to

the pastor for a certificate of transfer, the pastor may iss such certificate to said member if his Christian life is know to be good, and he has settled all his church dues, subscr tions, and assessments.

Notice of Forwarding Certificates.

3. The pastor who issues a certificate of transfer provided in either of the preceding sections shall, if pra ticable, forward such certificate, with proper notice a explanation to the pastor of the charge to which the me ber receiving the certificate shall remove. In case we ha no church in the locality to which a member removes, t pastor shall report the name to the conference superinten ent, or bishop, or home missionary secretary.

Notice of Reception of Members on Certificate.

4. When a pastor shall have received a member on a ce tificate of transfer, he shall notify the pastor, or class-lead of the local church from which it was issued, and sa pastor, or leader, shall enter on the church record opposi the name of the transferred member, the words, "Remov by certificate of transfer."

Certificate of Recommendation.

5. When a member of our Church shall remove fro one of our pastoral charges to another, and shall ma application to the pastor for a letter of recommendati by which he may unite either with one of our local church or with another evangelical church, said member may entitled to receive such certificate of recommendation by majority vote of the membership, or official board of t local church of which he is a member, signed by the pasto or, if there is no pastor, by the class-leader; provided, th the good standing of said member is evidenced by the settl ment of all his church dues, subscriptions, and assessment and by his observance of the rules of our Church pertai ing to the "Duties of Members" contained in Section I Chapter IV., of our Discipline, said certificate to be the form of No. 2, Section I., Chapter XXXII., of ou Discipline.

Limitation of Certificates.

6. A certificate issued to a member of our Church provided in either of the preceding sections must be pr

ted to some local church, or returned to the church by ch it was granted, within eighteen months; otherwise becomes null and void.

Amenability of Certified Member.

. A member receiving a certificate of transfer, or recmendation, is amenable to the local church by which it granted until said certificate is deposited with some er local church, or until the certificate expires by limion.

Disposal of Delinquent Non-Resident Members.

. In case a member moves from a pastoral charge and s to report to the local church of which he is a mem- at least once each conference year, he may be marked emoved without certificate."

Certificate of Withdrawal.

. If a member of our Church desires to withdraw from Church, and his Christian life has been good, and he settled all his church dues, subscriptions, and assessnts, he shall be entitled to a certificate of honorable withwal from the Church by a majority vote of the member-, or official board of the local church of which he is member, signed by the pastor, or, if there is no pastor, the class-leader, said certificate to be in the form of 3, Section I., of Chapter XXXII., of our Discipline.

Membership of Preachers.

0. An annual-conference member may be received into lass on his ministerial credentials, provided said cretials are held in force by the conference to which he is enable.

Membership of Preachers Required.

1. All quarterly- and annual-conference preachers are uired to hold membership in some local church and n neglect or refusal to do so shall lose their official tion.

CHAPTER V.

GOVERNMENT OF THE CHURCH.

SECTION I.

CLASSES.

Local Church Organization.

1. A LOCAL church of the United Brethren in Christ m be organized, where not already established, by any reg larly authorized minister or missionary of the denominatio who shall enroll the names of not less than five reside persons in a book of record, giving to each the right ha of fellowship, and causing one or more class-leaders to elected and appointing one or more stewards.[1]

Division into Classes.

2. A local church may be divided into two or mo classes, if deemed proper to do so, by the pastor and offici board. In all cases, each class shall elect its own lead near the close of each official year. After such division t word "class" shall denote only a section of the local churc

Disbanding Classes.

3. When a quarterly conference deems it impracticab to maintain the organization of a church in any plac the remaining members shall be transferred by the pastor such class as they may desire.

SECTION II.

CLASS-LEADERS.

Qualifications.

1. It shall be the leader's duty to live a pious life a set a godly example before his class; carefully to stu

[1]NOTE.—Until the congregation thus constituted becomes large as to require dividing into classes or sections, for pu poses of convenience and efficiency, the words "church," "co gregation," and "class" shall denote the same aggregate chur membership.

Holy Scriptures, fully qualifying himself for the faith-
performance of his duties as a leader and counselor of
class.

Holding Meetings.

It shall be his duty to meet his class in class-meeting
prayer-meeting as often as practicable, to speak to them
cerning their spiritual welfare, and to exhort them to
y and love. He shall extend the freedom of our
ver- and class-meetings to all sincere and well-disposed
sons who may desire to attend them.

Visiting the Sick and Delinquent.

When any of his members are sick, or delinquent in
performance of their duties, he shall visit them and
r with them as circumstances may require, or arrange
some one else to do so.

Class Record.

He shall keep a record of the members of the class,
shall make regular reports of his work and the condition
his class to the official board and quarterly conference.

Dismissal for Delinquency.

Any class-leader failing to discharge these duties
, on complaint, be removed by the quarterly confer-
e.

SECTION III.

CLASS-STEWARDS.

Every church may have one or more class-stewards,
be chosen as provided for in Chapter VII., Section II.,
agraph 4.

Contributions to Budget.

All members shall contribute weekly, through en-
pes, to the local budget. It shall be the duty of the
ncial secretary to receive the envelopes, keep a correct
rd of names and amounts paid, and report the same to
official board monthly. He shall furnish each steward,
he end of each month, a list of the names of those who
delinquent in payment, with statement of the amount
from each. The stewards shall then endeavor to secure
npt payment of any deficits.

In case of circuits, where weekly services are not held, t contributions to the local budget shall approach the weel method as nearly as possible. The stewards shall keep accurate account of the payments made by their respecti lists of members, and shall report the same monthly to t financial secretary, who shall report to the quarterly co ference.

Elements for the Lord's Supper.

3. It shall also be the duty of stewards to provide t elements for the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, alwa securing unfermented wine.

Dismissal for Delinquency:

4. For the faithful discharge of their duties as ste ards, they shall be accountable to the quarterly conf ence, which shall have power to dismiss them for offic delinquency.

SECTION IV.

CHURCH DEACONS.

Every church may have one or more deacons, who sh be elected annually by vote of the church. The duties a deacon shall be to collect funds for the needy, as pr vided for in Chapter IV., Section II., paragraph 14, of t Discipline, under Duties of Members, and disburse the sa under the direction of a committee appointed by the offic board, or, where the local church board is not organiz under the direction of the pastor.

SECTION V.

CHURCH CLERK.

A church clerk may be elected by the local church official board, who shall be the pastor's clerical assista and work under his direction.

SECTION VI.

OFFICIAL BOARDS.

1. The properly recognized members of the quarte conference shall be the members of the official board each local church. On circuits the official board of ea

:h shall have power to transact its business, the same e official boards of stations.

The pastor shall be the president of the board; in bsence one of the members shall be elected president *tem.* The sessions shall begin and close with devo- l exercises.

The board shall elect a secretary, who shall keep a l of its proceedings.

The financial secretary, elected by the quarterly con- :e, may be also the church treasurer. The treasurer receive all moneys that have been collected from class- rds, or otherwise, and receipt therefor, and said treas- shall pay out all moneys in his hands as the official may direct.

The official board shall receive statements of all sub- ions and moneys received and disbursed for the in- of the local church; and all persons intrusted with 's or subscriptions, whether trustees, stewards, the rer, or others, shall report the same to the official ıg as soon as possible.

It shall receive from each class-leader a statement erence to the religious condition of his class.

The official boards shall be the estimating committee : charge, unless otherwise specifically ordered by the rly conference, as provided in Chapter V., Section VII., aph 13; and said committee shall meet the pastor as ıs practicable after the annual conference, and make ı estimate of the expenses of the charge for the year— eacher's salary, the conference superintendent's salary, hire, cost of light, fuel, insurance, and any other ry expenses incident to the year's general account. timate of preacher's salary for the ensuing year may de by said committee prior to the close of the con- e year. It shall also determine how these funds are secured—whether by assessments or subscription, and r by envelope collections made weekly or by the tewards, or both,—what per cent. is to be devoted to aries of the preacher and the conference superintend- ınd what per cent. to the current expenses of the

The official board shall revise the church records, as d in Chapter VII., Section II., paragraph 3, and shall body to grant transfers and dismissals from the

9. The official board on stations shall meet once a m
and on circuits at the call of the pastor.

10. The official board may appoint an executive co
of which the pastor shall be chairman, to act fo
church in matters committed to it.

Review by Quarterly Conference.

11. The acts of the official boards shall be approv
the quarterly conference.

SECTION VII.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE.

Members.

1. The members of the quarterly conference sh
the superintendent of the district, the preacher in c
and all properly recognized preachers, deaconesses,
leaders, class-stewards, and all other stewards whos
pointments have been ratified by the quarterly confe
presidents of Women's Aid societies, church clerks pr
recognized by the church, official board, or quarterly c
ence, presidents of local Women's Missionary associ
church treasurers, trustees of church and parsonage h
superintendents of Sunday schools, presidents of Youn
ple's societies organized in harmony with the provisi
Discipline, superintendents of Junior and Intermedia
cieties when similarly organized, presidents of Brother
all treasurers of Women's Aid societies, Women's Missi
societies, Young People's societies, Sunday schools, Br
hoods, and Otterbein Guilds, when said persons are me
of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ and
within the bounds of the station or circuit, or hold me
ship therein. Such members as are present at any r
meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transacti
business. The quarterly conference shall open and
with prayer. The quarterly conference shall be am
to the annual conference for its official acts.

Duties and Powers.

2. In the absence of the conference superintenden
quarterly conference shall elect a chairman *pro tem.*,
official acts shall be valid.

. It shall elect a secretary, whose duty it shall be to p a correct record of all its proceedings in a book pro- ed for that purpose, in which the names of all the mem- s composing the said conference shall be entered.

. It shall make inquiry into the moral deportment and ial character of all its members.

. On stations, it shall elect, at the last quarterly con- nce of the year, one or more church treasurers.

. It shall enforce discipline in all the classes under its sdiction, but in no case disorganize a class unless the iminary steps have been taken as required in Chapter Section I., paragraph 3.

It shall hear the reports of the stewards, and make lements with the pastor.

Appeals and Trials.

It shall receive and try all appeals, references, and plaints that may come regularly before it; but no mem- of quarterly conference can be suspended or expelled ı the Church prior to a committee trial.

Licensing Preachers.

It shall have power to grant license to preach accord- to the provisions of Chapter VI., Ministry of the Church.

Renewing Licenses.

). It shall renew the license of quarterly-conference chers annually, if they are found worthy.

Recommending to the Annual Conference.

.. The quarterly conference may recommend to the ıal conference licentiates of one or more years' stand- who have completed the course of reading required.

Financial Secretaries.

:. The quarterly conference, at its last session in each , shall elect by ballot a financial secretary for the charge, se duty it shall be to assist the class-stewards in secur- the local budget, and to receive and audit the stewards' rts.

Circuit Finance Committee.

. In cases of circuits, the quarterly conference may, s last session for the year, appoint a finance commit- which committee shall meet at the time and place

specified by the preacher appointed to the charge for ensuing year, and make out an estimate of the regular penses, including the conference assessment for superint ent's salary, and apportion the same to the different pointments according to their respective ability, and re the same to the quarterly conference for ratification. T committee shall also serve as an executive committee for quarterly conference during the year in all matters finance.

Apportionment to the Members.

14. As soon as convenient after each class has rece its apportionment, on the call of the pastor, the offi members shall meet and make a distribution of the ap tionment, including the assessment for conference supe tendent, to the members severally, according to their abil to be paid quarterly, monthly, or oftener; provided, howe that it shall be the privilege of any class to collect amount apportioned to it by subscription or otherwise.

Place of Meeting.

15. The quarterly conference shall determine its pl of meeting.

Appeals.

16. Any preacher dissatisfied with the decision o quarterly conference shall, within thirty days after quarterly conference, notify the secretary, in writing, his intention to appeal, together with his reasons for doing; and it shall be the duty of the secretary to take send a certified copy of the proceedings, the notificat and reasons assigned, to the annual conference.

17. In all cases of appeal, whether to the quarterly annual conference, or to the court of appeals, the cou prescribed in the chapter on Appeals is the proper one be pursued.

SECTION VIII.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Members.

1. The annual conference shall consist of all elders licentiate preachers, who have been duly received, and lay delegate from each charge in the conference. The

;ate shall be elected by ballot, at the third or last session ıe quarterly conference in the year, a majority of all 'otes cast being necessary to a choice, an alternate also be elected at the same time and in like manner.

› one is eligible to election as lay delegate who holds an al-conference license to preach,[1] or is recommended to nnual conference for license to preach.

y delegates shall have all the rights and privileges of ;ters in the annual conference, except the right to vote the reception or expulsion of preachers and the pass- f preachers in the course of reading.

mbers of conference boards shall also be granted ad- y seats. The conference treasurer also, when not a ter or a lay delegate, shall be given an advisory seat.

Bishop Pro Tempore.

If no bishop should be present, it shall be the duty e annual conference to elect a bishop *pro tem.*, whose l acts shall be valid.

Devotions.

Suitable devotional exercises, consisting of scripture ıg. singing, and prayer, shall be held at the opening losing of the conference sessions.

Secretaries.

The conference shall elect by ballot one or more sec- es, as the case may require, who, in addition to dis- ng their regular duties of secretary, shall, immediately e adjournment of the annual conference, transmit publishing agent, at Dayton, Ohio, a true transcript footings of the conference chart.

Examinations.

All preachers shall report in person or by letter, and amined respecting their deportment toward their men, whether their conduct in life be blameless, hether they employ as much time as practicable to e the kingdom of God (according to Titus 1:7-9 and mothy 2:15), and if found delinquent they shall be ished or advised, as the case may require. But all admonition or advice fail, then the name of the

E.—It is also advised by the General Conference that of annual-conference ministers be not chosen as lay es.

delinquent person shall be erased from the roll of the co ference.

Absentees.

6. Should any member of the annual conference abse himself from the session of conference three years in su cession without giving a satisfactory reason for so doin his name may be erased from the roll of the conference.

Electioneering Forbidden.

7. No preacher or layman shall be permitted to el tioneer favorably for his own election to any office or de gation in the church; and should any one be found doi so, if a preacher, he shall be held accountable to the ne annual conference of which he is a member, and if a laym he shall be held accountable to the class, to be dealt wi each according to the judgment of said conference or cla

Authority of the Annual Conference.

8. An annual conference may adopt rules for its o government not in conflict with the Discipline of Church.

Benevolence Funds.

9. The annual conference shall forward to the gene Church treasurer all moneys collected by the conference all general benevolences, and in no case can these funds diverted to conference interests.

Business Sheet.

10. The annual conference shall transact its busin according to a business sheet prepared by the board bishops.

Section IX.

GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Members.

1. (See Constitution, Article I., Section 1.)

Conference Representation.

2. The annual conferences shall be represented in the G eral Conference according to the following ratios:

All conferences having less than three thousand mem shall be entitled to two delegates, one ministerial and

three thousand and less than eight thousand, two minis- and two lay; eight thousand and less than thirteen and, three ministerial and three lay; thirteen thousand less than eighteen thousand, four ministerial and four eighteen thousand and less than twenty-three thousand, ministerial and five lay; the same ratio to be continued gh conferences having larger numbers.

l general officers elected by the General Conference be advisory delegates at large.

e number of delegates from foreign mission conferences, n excess of the above ratios, and the manner of their on shall be determined by the Foreign Mission board.

Bishops' Announcement.

The board of bishops shall as early as possible an- ce the number of delegates to which each conference be entitled, as appearing from the statistics of the al conferences at the end of the third year of the rennial term.

ovided, however, that at the following annual confer- should it be found, after the statistical secretary has his report, that the number of members in the con- ce at that time would change the number of delegates hich the conference is entitled, the presiding bishop so announce to the conference, and the conference shall nate the number of delegates indicated by the member- at that time.

Nomination of Delegates.

It shall be the duty of the ministerial members of annual conference at the session next preceding the ion for delegates to General Conference, apart from lay delegates, to nominate by ballot three times the ber of ministerial delegates to be elected. It shall be the duty of the lay delegates, in separate conven- to nominate by ballot three times the number of lay ates to be elected. In both cases it shall require a rity of all the ballots cast to effect a nomination. provision shall not be construed as depriving mem- of the right to vote, if desirous of doing so, for other sters and laymen who are eligible.

Annual-Conference Tellers.

Each annual conference shall appoint a committee hree as a board of tellers and three as alternates, to

receive and publicly count the votes, and issue certifica of election to those receiving the highest number of vo It shall be the duty of the board of tellers to meet bef the month of November and appoint one of their num secretary; and to said secretary all returns of boards election shall be made; and the said secretary shall ret under lock and key all such reports until the official co is made.

Lists of Nominees and Blanks.

6. The annual conference shall also furnish, throu its recording secretary, to each preacher in charge of field of labor a list of all the ministers and laymen no nated; and it shall be the duty of each conference super tendent to have printed in convenient form, and deliver due time to each pastor, printed tickets containing all names of all nominees, with the postoffice addresses, for in the election of delegates. He shall also furnish to e preacher in charge on his district blank bills of electi which shall be distributed by the preachers to their resp tive boards of election.

Boards of Election.

7. The leaders and stewards of each local church sh constitute a board of election, to which the pastor sh furnish a copy of the list of persons nominated. T election shall be held invariably between November and December 15 next preceding the sitting of the Gene Conference.

8. It shall be the duty of the board of election of e local church publicly to announce, at least one week fore the election, a meeting of the members of said chu for the purpose of casting their ballots for delegates to r resent them in the General Conference.

Absent Voters.

9. Members incapacitated by age, affliction, non-residen or other unavoidable circumstances, and ministers absent their charges, may send their ballots containing the names their choice, with their own names signed on the back their ballots; provided, that no votes shall be counted cept those cast on the day appointed for such election.

Election Returns.

0. Each board of election shall immediately make up bill of election, sign, enclose, and seal it, and trans- it to the secretary of the board of tellers appointed the annual conference, stating what church, circuit, sion, or station their vote represents. It shall also p a correct copy of the bill sent to the tellers; also a of the names of all the members voting, and also the ets used in voting, until after the adjournment of the eral Conference, when they may be destroyed.

1. Pastors shall be required to see that forms for the tion of delegates are properly filled out and the re- ns of their charges sent in; they shall be held amenable the annual conference for the discharge of this duty.

Canvassing and Publication of Returns.

2. The annual conference board of tellers, not later n the third week in January, shall make out a list of all sons voted for, and of the number of votes for each; should any two or more of the candidates have an al number of votes, the tellers shall determine, by lot, ch of them is elected. The board shall forward, by the nty-fifth of January, to the editor of the Religious Tele- e for publication, the names and postoffice addresses of e elected. It shall also transmit to the publishing nt, at Dayton, Ohio, a complete list of all persons voted and the number of votes cast for each, which record he l furnish to the ensuing General Conference. If any of those elected should be prevented from attending, death, sickness, or otherwise, it shall be the duty of the ers or secretary of the General Conference to notify the t highest on the bill to take his place; other vacancies l be filled in like manner, descending, if need be, to the candidate. No bills of election received by the tellers r the fifteenth of January shall be counted.

Contests.

3. In case of contest for the seat of any delegate orted elected to the General Conference by the board of ers of his conference, the secretary of the conference shall notice to the contestee in writing forty days before sitting of the General Conference, in which charges and ifications shall be plainly stated. Any person failing to

give such notice shall forfeit his right to contest in t General Conference.

Location and Entertainment of the General Conference.

14. Arrangements for the place and entertainment of t General Conference, if not determined at its session, or satisfactory arrangements for the entertainment and ca of the delegates and visitors and the proper expenses f the General Conference be not provided, shall be referr with full power to act to the agent and board of trustees the printing establishment.

15. Said board shall estimate the amount required the expenses of the General Conference, including traveli expenses and boarding of delegates and bishops, and sh report the same to the general Board of Administration, w shall equitably apportion the same among, and report t same to, the annual conferences early in the first year of t quadrennium next preceding the sitting of the General Co ference; said apportionments shall be by each annual co ference apportioned to each charge in the conference, a the pastors required to collect and turn over the same to t conference treasurer at the close of the year, and the co ference treasurer shall, as soon as the apportionment is collected, send said amount to the general Church treasu at Dayton, Ohio.

16. This money shall be known as the General Conf ence expense fund, and shall be distributed among delegates and bishops in proportion to their traveling penses by the most direct route to and from the seat the General Conference, and shall include their board a lodging during the sessions of the conference; provid however, that if any conference shall fail to raise the f amount of its apportionment, said conference delegat shall receive from said fund in proportion to the amou raised by the conference.

Examination of Annual Conferences.

17. The General Conference may examine the admin tration of each annual conference, whether it has stric observed the rules and preserved the moral and doctri principles of the Discipline in all its transactions,

Election of Officers.

3. In the election of all the officers of the General Con-
nce, a majority of all the votes shall be necessary to a
ce.

Boards of Trustees.

). The trustees of the general Church boards shall be
led into two equal classes, elected at alternate General
ferences for a term of eight years. In case of an odd
ber of trustees, the two classes shall be as nearly equal
possible. The members of these shall be composed as
ly as possible of an equal number of ministers and lay-
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). If the board of trustees of any of our Church in-
itions shall, on account of removals, or otherwise, at
time not have the number of members required by the
ter of such institutions to be selected from a particular
te, said board shall be authorized to supply said de-
ncy by the selection of additional trustees.

1. In the event of a vacancy occurring in any of the
etaryships constituted by the General Conference, the
d of that department shall fill the place. Should a
ancy occur in any General Conference position where
board is empowered to fill the place, such authority shall
vested in the Board of Administration.

Meetings.

2. The General Conference shall convene in regular ses-
on the second Thursday of May, and in special session
n the call of the board of bishops.

3. The quadrennium shall begin upon the adjournment
the General Conference and the tenure of office of all
eral officers, secretaries, and members of boards, shall
e effect upon said adjournment; provided, that officers
ll have until July 1 thereafter to make inventory, settle
ir accounts, and arrange their work.

CHAPTER VI.

MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH.

SECTION I.

QUARTERLY-CONFERENCE PREACHERS.

How Licensed.

1. Any person desiring a license to preach, must obt from the class of which he is a member, by a two-thi vote of the members present at any regular meeting of congregation, a recommendation in writing, signed by leader or preacher in charge, to the quarterly conference the charge to which he belongs; provided, however, that one shall be given license who has not passed the Teach Training Course, or its full equivalent, and whose edu tional attainments are not equivalent to the complet of a public school course half way through the stand high-school grade, or to the completion of half the stand academic course necessary to entering the freshman cl of a standard college, and who has not expressed his p pose to make the ministry his life work, and can give sa factory evidence of his call, religious experience, soundn of doctrine, and attachment to the Church and its gove ment. The person making application shall be examined the quarterly conference, and the following questions shall asked by the chairman:

2. (1) Do you believe our Confession of Faith as forth in our Book of Discipline?

(2) Have you now peace with God through our L Jesus Christ?

(3) What is your motive in desiring permission preach the gospel?

(4) Are you satisfied with our Church government?

(5) Will you submit yourself to the counsel of yo brethren?

(6) What is your knowledge of depravity, of reden tion, of faith, of repentance, of justification, of regene tion, and of sanctification?

(7) What is your educational preparation for the wo of the ministry?

It shall be the privilege of the chairman to ask any r question or questions that he may deem necessary.

Persons divorced, except on scriptural grounds, shall be granted license.

No person who uses tobacco in any form shall be ted a license to preach.

When a preacher from another church comes to us a certificate of good standing in the church in which has held membership, and gives satisfaction to the terly conference concerning his agreement on the doc- es, discipline, government, and usages of our Church, quarterly conference may receive him.

Course of Study.

A quarterly-conference preacher is required to pur- the course of study prescribed in our Book of Dis- ne, and to be examined by the conference superintend- and pastor at the fourth quarterly conference.

OTE.—For exception to this article, see Chapter VI., ion II., paragraph 7.

Renewal of License.

The license of a quarterly-conference preacher is sub- to renewal annually, at the discretion of the quarterly erence, provided, however, that, when the course of y required has been taken, he shall be excused from ner examination, and shall hold his license subject to discretion of the quarterly conference.

Recommendation to Annual Conference.

After a quarterly-conference preacher has stood in relation at least one conference year, or longer at the etion of the quarterly conference, it may recommend to the annual conference, and if not received he shall in his former relation. The recommendation shall be d by the secretary of the quarterly conference and the erence superintendent.

SECTION II.

ANNUAL-CONFERENCE PREACHERS.

How Received.

Any person proposed as a preacher shall be exam- by the annual conference, or a select committee there- nd the following questions shall be asked him:

Preacher's Examination.

2. (1) Have you known God in Christ Jesus to l
sin-pardoning God?

(2) Have you now peace with God, and is the lov
God shed abroad in your heart by the Holy Spirit?

(3) Do you believe the Bible to be the word of
and that therein is contained the only true way to our
vation?

(4) What foundation have you for such belief?

(5) Are you endeavoring by the grace of God to li
holy life?

(6) What is your motive for desiring permissio
preach the gospel?

(7) Do you believe that man, apart from the grac
our Lord Jesus Christ, is fallen from original righte
ness, and is not only entirely destitute of holiness, bu
inclined to evil, and only evil, and that continually;
that except a man be born again he cannot see the
dom of heaven?

(8) What is your knowledge of redemption, of f
of repentance, justification, regeneration, and sanctificat

(9) Does your own salvation, and the salvation of
fellow men, lie nearer to your heart than all other th
in the world?

(10) Will you subject yourself to the counsel of
brethren in the Lord?

(11) Are you satisfied with our Church government

(12) Are you willing, as much as is in your powe
assist in upholding our itinerant plan?

Educational Requirements.

3. (1) Educational attainments equivalent to the
pletion of a standard academy or a standard high-s
course of four years are required for admission to the an
conference. (2) The foregoing, in addition to the co
tion of the quarterly- and annual-conference courses of s
are required for ordination. (3) The ideal preparatio
effective work in the ministry is a full college course
lowed by a theological course, to which standard we
estly urge our young ministers to aspire.

Qualifications of Applicants.

4. No one shall be admitted to the annual confe
without having a recommendation from the quarterly

ence and then shall be received on probation only. ther shall any one be admitted who has not met the cational requirements.

. Persons divorced, except on scriptural grounds, shall be granted license to preach.

. No person shall be granted license to preach the gos- who uses tobacco in any form. The license of any acher who uses tobacco, may, upon proper evidence, be oked by the annual conference.

Exemption from Examination.

. Any person pursuing the quarterly-conference or an- l-conference course of study who presents a certificate to effect that he has completed branches or books contained the courses in the Discipline, at any of our schools, or schools whose standard of excellence is acceptable to parties conducting the examination on behalf of the urch, said certificates shall preclude the necessity for ther examination in the branches or books which have n completed as evidenced by said certificates.

Sacraments and Unordained Preachers.

. Unordained annual-conference preachers who are en- ed in the active work of the ministry and who are ularly and industriously pursuing their courses of study, y be permitted by their annual conferences to administer sacraments of the Church.

An Expelled Preacher.

). When a preacher or elder has been expelled, or with- ws, from an annual conference, he shall not be received o another conference without the consent of the confer- e with which he was formerly connected.

Preacher's Transfer.

10. A preacher or elder who has labored in the bounds an annual conference other than the one to which he ongs for two years, shall be required to obtain a trans- from the conference to which he belongs and to unite th the conference in whose bounds he labors, or to re- n to his own conference for work; provided, that presi- ts and professors of schools and colleges, students in institutions of learning, and others engaged in general urch work, shall be exempt from this requirement.

11. A preacher removing from one conference to a other shall, when he applies to the latter for admissio produce a transfer from the former, signed by the pres ing officer and secretary.

Limit of Transfer.

12. Any preacher who receives a transfer is requir to present said transfer to another conference, or return it to the conference by which it was issued, with two years after its date. Otherwise the transfer shall null and void, and it shall be published that said preach no longer has ministerial standing in our Church.

Accountability of Transferred Preachers.

13. Any preacher receiving a transfer shall be a memb of the quarterly conference in whose bounds he may resi and shall also be accountable for his moral and offic conduct to the annual conference granting said transf until his transfer be received by the conference to whi he has been transferred.

SECTION III.

RECEPTION OF PREACHERS FROM OTHER CHURCHES.

When a preacher from another church comes to us wi a certificate of good standing in the church in which has held membership, or with a transfer from a conf ence, presbytery, or synod, and gives satisfaction to t annual conference concerning his agreement on the d trines, discipline, government, and usages of our Chur the conference may receive him, provided he comes with t same educational qualifications required of the preachers our own denomination. If he be an ordained elder he mu pass the examination required of candidates for elde orders, but he may be exempt from reordination.

SECTION IV.

CLASSIFICATION OF THE MINISTRY.

Classes.

1. The ministry of the Church shall be classified acco ing to the following order: First, as licentiates; seco as elders; third, as itinerants (active. superannuated, supernumerary).

Licentiates.

Licentiates are ministers who have received annual-
erence license, but have not yet been ordained.

Elders.

Elders are ministers who have been ordained in ac-
ance with the provisions of Section V., of this chapter.

Itinerants.

Itinerants are annual-conference ministers who have
regularly received into the itinerancy. They may be
e, superannuated, or supernumerary.

) *Active Itinerants* are those who are engaged in the
e ministry of the Church.

) *Superannuated Itinerants* are those who from age or
ical infirmities are unable to pursue the regular work
ie ministry.

) *Supernumerary Itinerants* are those for whom the
rence and the Church, for the time being, are not able
irnish ministerial work, or who by their own request,
therwise, have been given such relation.

Class—How Determined.

The annual conference shall determine to which of
foregoing classes each minister shall belong. Should
tinerant leave in an irregular way the work assigned
he shall forfeit his standing as an itinerant and shall
nder his credentials.

Evangelists.

No preacher shall be recognized as an evangelist un-
he is so authorized by the annual conference to which
longs or by the general Commission on Evangelism. He
report his work annually to his conference.

SECTION V.

ELDERS.

After a probation of four years, a licentiate preacher
be presented to the annual conference for elder's or-
whereupon the bishop shall propose to the conference
ollowing questions:

Questions Regarding a Candidate.

2. (1) Is he blameless touching the marriage sta

(2) Is his deportment in the social circle marked watchful sobriety?

(3) Is he hospitable toward the afflicted and needy

(4) Is he faithful in the public ministration of word, and diligent in reading and study?

(5) Is his household subject to rules of piety?

3. Should the foregoing questions be answered in th firmative, a committee of three or five elders shall b pointed, before whom the candidate shall appear and pa examination on the subjects suggested by the follo questions:

Committee Examination.

4. (1) What are your reasons for believing the to be the word of God?

(2) What proofs can you give of the fall of ma transgression?

(3) What evidences can you give of the redempti man by Jesus Christ?

(4) Do you believe in the deity of Jesus Christ?

(5) What foundation have you for such a belief?

(6) Do you believe in the Holy Ghost as present our Confession of Faith?

(7) Upon what evidence do you believe this?

(8) Do you believe the doctrine of the future st set forth in our Confession of Faith?

Duties of the Committee.

5. The committee shall have the right to propos question touching the answers given, if said answers be unsatisfactory. It shall also be its duty to pr sign, and deliver to the conference a report of eac which may have been before it.

Election to Elders' Orders.

6. If the committee finds the candidate worthy, he elected to ordination by a majority of the elders conference.

The Ordination of Licentiates.

7. Licentiates who have served their probation annual conferences and have completed their cour

and preparation for the exercise of the full functions e ministry, shall be given ordination by the bishops e annual conferences, and at such other times and s as circumstances and needs may require. In the ce of the bishop, an elder who is acting regularly in lace of the bishop may conduct the ordination service.

Functions of an Elder.

The functions of an elder are to preach the gospel, to ister the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Sup- o solemnize marriages, to perform all parts of divine e, to be an example to others by himself following the r's example; and in a very special manner it shall e duty of an elder to cherish and encourage young ters, and always to be looking for those whom God lled to preach, encouraging them in making the fullest le preparation for the work of the gospel ministry.

SECTION VI.

CONFERENCE SUPERINTENDENTS.

Their Election.

Each annual conference shall have one or more super- lents who shall be elected annually by ballot, a major- ing necessary to an election.

Council of Administration.

Each annual conference having one superintendent also elect an advisory board, to be known as the il of administration, consisting of two ministers and ymen, whose duty it shall be to meet with the con- e superintendent quarterly and review the work and istration of pastors, and advise with the conference ntendent concerning all the administrative work of nference.

Blank Reports.

For the use of conference superintendents and coun- f administration a uniform system of blanks shall be red for quarterly reports of pastors.

Report to the Bishop.

Each conference superintendent shall make a quarterly to his bishop, giving an exhibit of the work of the

quarter by charges, alphabetically arranged, together such other matters of interest as will enable the bisho give the best possible oversight to all the activities of Church throughout his district.

Support of Conference Superintendents.

5. It shall be the duty of the several annual confer to make such regulations for the support of superinten as they think best.

Duties of the Conference Superintendent.

6. The duties of a conference superintendent a superintend the work of the conference, to preach as as practicable, give careful attention to evangelism, look after all of the general interests of the denomina

7. He shall appoint quarterly conferences and them when practicable. He shall counsel with his p faithfully and offer them every assistance withi power. He may call extra sessions of the quarterly c ence.

8. The conference superintendent shall earnestl deavor to arouse the membership of the Church to a uniform performance of their duties as to a minimum of eight hundred dollars and parsonage on each charg shall suggest the most practicable means for securi same.

9. At the last quarterly conference of each yea conference superintendent shall examine the boards o tees of church-houses and parsonages as to their havi cured articles of incorporation according to the laws State and the regulations of the Church, and shall giv instructions as may be necessary.

10. Each superintendent shall make a report of trict in writing, annually, to the annual conference.

Vacancies.

11. Should any conference, through death, resigna otherwise, be without a superintendent, informatio be immediately given to the bishop, who shall ap superintendent in said district until the ensuing conference.

Power to Exchange Pastors.

12. Should it become desirable to exchange the of two charges in a conference, the superintendent

ıction with two elders, preachers, or leaders (one from :harge), change said pastors.

Power to Dismiss Pastors and Fill Vacancies.

The superintendent may, in conjunction with the ·rly conference, dismiss a pastor from his charge for iency or neglect of duty.

It shall be his duty to fill all vacancies in the pas- s of the conference.

SECTION VII.

BISHOPS.

Election of Bishops.

Bishops of the Church shall be elected every four by the General Conference.

Salaries of Bishops.

The General Conference shall fix the salaries of the s, which shall be included in the general budget of the ination.

Districts of Bishops.

The assignment of bishops to their respective districts be made by a committee of three from each district, chosen by the delegates of the district assembled for ɔurpose. Each bishop shall reside within the bounds district to which he is assigned. This item shall not to the bishop of a foreign district.

Duties of Bishops.

The bishops of the Church shall preside over the al and annual conferences, fix and announce the of the annual conferences, and have general super- and direction of the varied interests and institutions denomination. They shall also seek to promote unity ontinuity in the administrative activities of super- lents and pastors throughout the Church, and see to it, as may be practicable, that all the provisions of the ɔline are faithfully observed; they shall report annual- the Church press the condition and progress of the h in their respective districts, and make a quadrennial to the General Conference. They shall also deliver le sermons and addresses to their respective annual ences.

The Board of Bishops.

5. The bishops shall hold annual meetings, at which t they shall decide questions of Church Discipline, adopt recommend policies of administration for the promotion the institutions and enterprises of the denomination. T shall present a quadrennial address to the General Con ence with such a review of the work and achievements the Church during the quadrennium, and with such rec mendations as they may deem expedient and helpful to Church. They shall also have the authority to app special days to be observed in the interest of worthy caus

Superintendents' Association.

6. The bishop of any district may call together, annu the superintendents of his district, at some suitable p for the purpose of consultation and planning for the motion of the interests of the Church. The bishop be chairman *ex officio* of this gathering, and shall direc the organization of an association which shall have a president, a secretary-treasurer, and such other officers committees as may be desired. Each annual confer represented within the district shall be entitled to one in all business transactions. The annual conferences advised to provide for the payment of the expenses of superintendents in attending the association meetings.

Calling Special Annual Conferences.

7. When requested to do so by a majority of the bers of any annual conference, the bishop of the district reconvene said conference in special session.

Organization of Mission Conferences.

8. Whenever it is deemed desirable to organize a mi conference, a bishop, in conjunction with either o boards of missions (Home or Foreign), shall have the to organize such a conference in either home or fo fields.

Missionary Oversight.

9. The bishops shall confer with conference su tendents and pastors in suggesting plans and metho the awakening of interest in home and foreign mission shall devote as much of their time as practicable to v mission fields and to the opening of new missions in in places.

Accountability of Bishops.

. The bishops of the Church shall be amenable to the ral Conference for the faithful discharge of their al duties. Their administration and services in the ral superintendence of the varied interests of the de- nation shall be subject to review the same as other nistrative officers at the quadrennial meetings of the ral Conference.

Vacancy in a Bishop's District.

In case a vacancy in the office of bishop in any dis- occurs during the first three years of the quadrennium, all be the duty of the remaining bishops to hold an on by letter ballot, all members of the preceding ral Conference, who are members of the Church, voting. publishing agent shall provide and send out the blank ts, and return-stamped envelopes under the direction ne board of bishops. The board of bishops shall nt a board of tellers, three in number, from the mem- ip of the Church in the vicinity of Dayton, Ohio. The s shall be turned over to them by the publishing , as directed by the bishops. The bishops shall set a when the ballots must be in, and also when and where allots must be counted by the tellers, these two dates printed on the ballots sent out to the delegates. The s shall certify the entire vote to the bishops, and shall announce the election of the person receiving a rity of the votes cast. In case no election occurs on irst ballot, other ballots shall be taken until some one ves a majority vote. In case a vacancy occurs during ast year of the quadrennium, the remaining bishops divide the work of the district among themselves for emainder of the quadrennium.

Foreign Field.

The foreign fields shall be under the supervision of Foreign Mission bishop and the board of Foreign Mis-

Stationing of Preachers.

For stationing pastors, see Chapter VII., Section I., raph 4.

SECTION VIII.

DUTIES OF PREACHERS.

Preachers' Duties in General.

1. The duties of preachers are, to preach Christ cru fied; to organize churches, and report the same to ann conferences; converse with the members on their spirit condition; administer relief; strengthen and direct th who are afflicted or labor under temptations; animate indolent; endeavor as much as possible to edify and instr all in faith, in the Christian virtues, and in the knowle of Jesus Christ; visit the sick; and strive to enforce confirm the doctrines they preach by a well-ordered exemplary life.

Directions to Preachers.

2. Let preachers heed the following directions:

(1) Be diligent. Never trifle away your time. Alw be discreet. Let your motto be, "HOLINESS UNTO LORD." Avoid all vain conversation, conduct yourself dently, and demean yourself in all respects as a true Ch tian. Be at all times averse to crediting evil reports. lieve evil of no one without good evidence. Put the construction on everything.

(2) Speak evil of no one. Whatever may be thoughts, keep them within your own breast until can tell the person concerned what you think wrong in conduct.

(3) Let your business be to save as many soul possible. To this employment give yourself up wh Visit those who need it, and act in all things, not ac ing to your own will, but as sons in the gospel; fo such it becomes your duty to employ your time in manner prescribed, in preaching, and in visiting house to house, in instruction and prayer, and in me tion on the Word of God. With these things be occ until our Lord shall come.

Authority to Solemnize Marriage.

3. All ordained ministers are authorized to sole marriage. All annual-conference ministers, where the of the State makes it the privilege of every regularly lic minister to solemnize marriage, are authorized to sole marriage; but none having quarterly-conference license

permitted to do so, other than those serving a regular ge.

Transferring Members.

The pastor of a member moving from one charge to her is required immediately to send the transfer of member to the pastor of the charge of the United Breth- Church to which he has moved, unless the member mov- beforehand requests that his membership remain with home church.

Preachers not to Trespass.

No preacher shall arbitrarily organize a pastoral charge in the limits of a circuit or conference district, or l receive compensation for labor performed, without consent of the preacher in charge; nor shall any minis- preaching in a different language accept a call from regularly-organized class or congregation which does belong to his conference, without the consent of the ual conference to which the charge making the request belong. Any preacher violating the provisions of section shall be amenable to his quarterly or annual erence.

SECTION IX.

TRIAL OF PREACHERS.

Quarterly-Conference Preachers.

Whenever a quarterly-conference minister is accused onduct unworthy of such a representative of the Church, pastor of the charge where such preacher holds his bership shall appoint one or more disinterested persons committee to inquire into the complaints, and if grounds charges are found, and the accused fails to satisfy the mittee, charges shall be filed and reported to the next terly conference of which the accused is a member, and quarterly conference shall appoint a prosecutor, whose it shall be to notify the accused to choose a committee- the prosecutor choosing a committeeman, in behalf of Church, and these two a third, all of whom shall be bers of the Church, before which committee the case l be tried. The prosecutor shall notify the pastor of the rge when said committee has been properly formed, and hall be the duty of the pastor to appoint the time and

place of trial, giving not less than ten or more than twent days' notice; and he shall also act as chairman in the case If a majority of the committee be satisfied that the accusa tion is sustained, the chairman shall require the accused t hold his peace until the quarterly conference, where the ac cused shall be accountable, and it shall be the duty of th committee to transmit in written form the proceedings an findings of said trial to the quarterly conference, and if th findings are sustained, the accused shall be suspended, ex pelled, or otherwise dealt with, as the quarterly conferenc may determine. But should the accused, after being dul notified, refuse, or neglect, or fail to choose a committeeman the quarterly conference shall appoint a committee of thre persons, who shall hear the case and decide.

Annual-Conference Preachers.

2. When a preacher or elder is accused of immoralit trespass, imprudent conduct, or disobedience to the ord and discipline of the Church, the superintendent of the di trict, in the bounds of which the accused shall reside or ho membership, shall appoint a preacher, who shall take wi him another preacher or leader, and examine into the charg following the Apostle's instruction (I. Tim. 5: 19): "Again an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or thr witnesses." If it should appear that said reports are w founded, the examiners shall prefer charges against the a cused; if not, he shall report to the next quarterly conf ence, of which the accused is a member, that he found cause for action. If charges are preferred, the quarte conference shall appoint a prosecutor, whose duty it sh be to notify the accused in writing, setting forth all t charges preferred against him. He shall also notify h to choose an elder as his committeeman, the prosecut choosing an elder as committeeman in behalf of the Chur and these two a third elder or preacher, before which co mittee the case shall be tried. The prosecutor shall a notify the superintendent of the district, and it shall the duty of the superintendent to appoint the time a place of trial, giving not less than twenty nor more th thirty days' notice to the parties concerned, and he sh also act as chairman in the case. Should a majority of t committee be satisfied that the accusation is sustained, a he is found guilty of a serious offense, they shall requ him to hold his peace until the annual conference, where

l be accountable, and it shall be the duty of the com-
ee to transmit in writing the entire proceedings of said
l to the annual conference, where the accused shall have
aring before the conference, or a committee thereof; and
e findings are sustained, he shall be suspended, expelled,
therwise dealt with, as the conference may determine.
t should the accused, after having been duly notified,
e or neglect to comply in choosing his committeeman
notifying the prosecutor within fifteen days, the con-
nce superintendent shall suspend him until the annual
erence, where, if he shall refuse to appear, he shall be
t with according to the judgment of the conference; pro-
d, however, if he be an elder, elders only shall vote in
case; and provided further, that if the committeemen
n by the prosecutor and accused fail to agree as to the
l member of the committee, then the quarterly confer-
shall appoint said committeeman. If the accused or
ecutor be a conference superintendent or bishop, the
rence superintendent or bishop, as the case may be,
adjoining shall act as chairman in the trial; provided,
in conferences having only one conference superintend-
he bishop shall appoint a chairman to act in the case.
The foregoing relates only to annual-conference mem-

Trial of Bishops and Conference Superintendents.

When a conference superintendent shall be accused
y misdemeanor, immoral conduct, or disobedience to
rder and discipline of the Church, the bishop of the
t, in the bounds of which the accused shall reside or
membership, shall appoint a committee of three elders,
hall examine into the complaints, and should the ac-
be a bishop, then the board of bishops shall appoint
e committee. If it shall appear that said complaints
ell founded, the committee shall prefer charges against
cused; if not, the committee shall report to his quar-
conference that they found no grounds for action. If
s are preferred his quarterly conference shall appoint
secutor, whose duty it shall be to notify the accused,
iting, setting forth all the charges preferred against
. He shall also notify him to choose a committeeman,
rosecutor choosing a committeeman in behalf of the
n, and these two a third, all of whom shall be elders,
whom the case shall be tried. The prosecutor shall

also notify the bishop or board of bishops, and it shall be the duty of the bishop or the board of bishops to appoint the time and place of trial, giving not less than twenty nor more than forty days' notice. The bishop, or some one appointed by the board of bishops, shall act as chairman in the case. Should a majority of the committee be satisfied that the accusation is sustained, they shall require him to hold his peace until the sitting of his conference, where he shall be accountable, and it shall be the duty of the committee to transmit, in writing, to said conference, the entire proceedings of said trial, where the accused shall have a hearing before the conference or a committee thereof, and if the findings are sustained, he shall be suspended, expelled or otherwise dealt with, as the conference may determine.

CHAPTER VII.

ITINERANCY.

SECTION I.

ITINERANTS.

How Constituted.

. All members of the annual conference who offer them-
ves without reserve, after having labored two years under
direction of the stationing committee or conference sup-
ntendent, and have been received by vote of two-thirds
the members of conference, shall be recognized as itin-
nts.

Withdrawing from the Itinerancy.

. If any one who is thus received shall withdraw from
ive work without giving satisfaction to the conference of
ich he is a member, he shall not be entitled to any sup-
t from the funds belonging to said conference. And,
thermore, he shall not reënter the itinerancy without the
sent of at least two-thirds of the conference. Yet super-
nerary and superannuated relations shall be duly recog-
ed as proper disciplinary relations, and may be secured
any brother having just claims thereto, by a vote of the
ference.

Pastor's Resignation.

. If a pastor after duly entering upon the work assigned
should desire to leave the same for any reason, he shall
orm the conference superintendent of his intentions, in
ting, at least thirty days before his resignation is to
e effect, and satisfy him that his full proportion of the
evolences have been secured in cash or good subscrip-
ns and that all other obligations to the charge have been
isfactorily adjusted; and should said minister leave or
lect his charge, except it be through sickness or other
voidable circumstances, he shall be accountable to the
t annual conference.

Stationing Committee.

. The bishop and conference superintendents of the past
present years shall constitute a stationing committee,

whose duty it shall be to supply all the circuits, stations and missions, as far as practicable, from the list of itin erants; provided, however, that where there is but one con ference superintendent on the committee, the conference ma elect to the same one or more elders from the elders no asking for work from said committee.

5. The stationing committee shall have at least tw meetings before its work is completed.

Appeal from Stationing Committee's Report.

6. If any of the preachers thus stationed, or any wh may not receive an appointment, are dissatisfied, they sha have a right to appeal to the annual conference. If tw thirds grant the appeal, the decisions shall be final. In ca of an appeal from the decision of the stationing committe no preacher stationed by said committee shall be change without his consent, to accommodate the preacher maki such appeal. In no case shall preachers be permitted exchange charges, except in the manner provided for Chapter VI., Section VI., paragraph 12.

Employment of Other Preachers.

7. Should there not be enough itinerants to supply the circuits, stations, and missions, the remaining charg shall be supplied by the stationing committee or conferen superintendents.

Pastoral Charges.

8. A circuit or station shall not consist of any speci number of members or appointments; but when the ann conference judges it able to support a minister, it may so recognized.

9. The pastor shall have full control of his pulpit, a no board of trustees shall permit any one to preach ther without his consent.

SECTION II.

DUTIES OF ITINERANTS.

1. It is the duty of an itinerant preacher to take charge assigned him, and to move to it if practicable.

2. He shall visit regularly the appointments on charge, preach to the people, and hold class-meetings wh

practicable, and whenever possible organize and main- Young People's Christian Endeavor societies.

Revision of Church Records.

. He, in connection with the official board, shall at t one month before annual conference revise the church rds. The duties of the committee on revision shall be ntially clerical, and the name of no member shall be sed from the records unless the disciplinary steps shall e been taken. (See Chapter IV., Section II., paragraph Chapter IV., Section III.; and Chapter V., Section I., agraph 3.

Annual Reorganization.

He, in connection with the official board, at the time n the records are revised, shall appoint a steward or vards, subject to the approval of the class. He shall l a meeting of the class and see that a class-leader is ted.

Presiding at Trials.

. He shall sit as president at the trial of members and that a correct record of the same is kept.

Reports.

. He shall render a strict account (as indicated in pter XXXII., Section IV., form 16) of his work at each rterly conference, where he is to be held accountable for ect of duty.

Circulation of Literature.

It shall be his duty to use every laudable effort to ulate our books and Church periodicals, and to use due gence to advance the interests of the Church printing blishment.

. It shall be his duty to keep a list of the names of all subscribers to our Church periodicals, and the time ubscribing, at the different appointments on his charge, hand it over to his successor at the annual conference, n the list of the appointments. He shall also report number of subscribers to our periodicals on his charge each quarterly conference, and be examined by the con- nce superintendent and quarterly conference as to ther he performs his duty in circulating the periodicals he Church among the people.

Dismissal of Appointments.

9. A preacher is not permitted to dismiss any appoi ment from his circuit or mission without the consent of t quarterly conference.

Records.

10. He shall procure a suitable book for a church r ord, in which he shall register all the appointments a classes on his circuit, station, or mission, in regular ord with the name of each member properly recorded in c nection with his own class. He shall also make a rec of all baptisms, marriages, deaths, and proceedings church trials. with the names of all the parties in each ca He shall report this record with the proceedings therein the last quarterly conference of each year for approval improvement. This book shall be the property of quarterly conference, and shall be in addition to the regu class-books and circuit books.

General Collections.

11. It shall be the duty of each preacher in charge a field of labor to collect the annual amounts apportio to his charge for the benevolence budget and confere superintendents, and also all other conference apport ments. And should he fail to collect in full and not be to give satisfactory reason for such a failure, he shall accountable to the annual conference.

Missionary Contributions.

12. He shall preach missionary sermons, and by a car study of conditions use such plans as shall educate people in the privilege of giving, and secure the largest sible contributions. He shall be held to strict account the faithful performance of his duties. The publicatio the names of the donors shall be left to the option of annual conference.

Pastoral Visiting.

13. It shall be the duty of the preacher in charge station or circuit to give as much of his time as pos to visiting the families under his charge, and to pay s attention to the young members under his care. private work of visiting from house to house and exho the people is founded on these solemn words of the apo

kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from e to house" (Acts 20:20).

Home Training of Children.

. Because of the powerful and far-reaching influence ome life upon the young, it shall be the duty of each or to direct the attention of his people to the vital rtance of family government and Christian nurture. shall do this publicly and privately by directing atten- to books and periodicals giving helpful instruction upon subject, and also by presenting in his public ministra- the teachings of God's Word respecting the duty of nts to train up their children in the nurture and ad- tion of the Lord.

Bible Cause.

It shall be the duty of each pastor to observe one ay each year in the month of May as Bible Sunday, he shall preach an appropriate sermon and take an ng for the Bible cause. This offering shall be forwarded ie conference treasurer, by him to the Bible society operates the territory where the offering is taken.

SECTION III.

PREACHERS' SALARIES.

The salary of a pastor shall be such amount as may greed upon between him and the quarterly conference e field of labor to which he is sent; and said agree- shall be a valid contract between the parties there- When a charge owns a parsonage, or rents a house ie pastor to live in, the charge shall have credit for ame by the pastor reporting as so much salary the nt the parsonage would rent for or the amount paid ie rented house.

A missionary employed by the board of missions receive such salary as in the judgment of the board e proper.

Parsonage and Moving of Preacher.

It shall be the duty of a circuit or station, when a ier is sent to it by the annual conference, to provide se and move the preacher at its own expense from any within the bounds of the conference.

CHAPTER VIII.

Deaconess Work.

Section I.

DEACONESSES.

1. When any sister of suitable age, health, ability, ture, and piety, led by the Holy Spirit, wishes to becom deaconess, she may receive a recommendation to the quar ly conference from the class where she holds her meml ship. If, after examination by the conference superinte ent, or a committee appointed by him, she is approved the quarterly conference, she shall receive license to perf the duties of a deaconess in the local church, said license ject to annual renewal.

2. Her duties shall be to visit from house to ho reading, praying, singing, teaching, exhorting, or comfor the people, as the case may require; to nurse or other minister to the sick and needy; to solicit funds or supp and distribute the same; all under the direction of the pa to whom she shall report as often as he may require; shall not, however, be required to look after the finance the Church.

3. A uniform costume may be worn to distinguish protect her.

4. The deaconess work is a high and holy calling sacrificial service. Each local church must provide for necessary expense attending this work, and such salar may be mutually agreed upon, always, however, encoura those who enter upon this service to do so for the lov Christ and humanity.

5. No one shall be required to make a perpetual in this work, and any one may retire from this offic pleasure, after giving the pastor the proper notice.

6. The deaconess shall be a member of the quar conference where she serves, and shall be responsible for her moral and official character.

7. If the deaconess is deficient in any of the con school studies, she must pass examination in these, with the prescribed course of study. The conference s intendent and pastor shall conduct the examination in

annually, or a part of the course quarterly, as the can-
te may desire. The faculty of Bonebrake Seminary
prepare suitable questions on each book, as in the case
nnual-conference preachers.

She shall complete the course of reading within three
; or her license shall not be renewed. (See Course of
y, Chapter IX., Section IV.)

the completion of the course of study, and two
' practical work under the direction of a pastor, or an
alent course in an approved training school, or liter-
school providing such courses, the deaconess shall be
crated to this service by a bishop or conference super-
dent and receive a permanent license, and may be given
ership in the annual conference with all the privileges
mbership, except voting.

TE.—If a deaconess desires ministerial membership in
nnual conference, she may be admitted upon the satis-
y completion of the course of reading for ministers.
y deaconess desirous of becoming a nurse should
the course of training for that purpose in a school con-
l with a good hospital.

SECTION II.

DEACONESS HOMES.

board of bishops shall constitute a board of man-
nt of homes for deaconesses, and when a majority of
astors of our Church in a city or conference wish to
ish such a home, they must first submit their plans
board of bishops at one of their annual meetings,
the matter is approved by the board it shall prepare
and regulations by which such home shall be founded
anaged.

CHAPTER IX.

Courses of Study.

Section I.

Quarterly-Conference Preachers.

1. It shall be the duty of each person receiving a q terly-conference license to preach to pursue the follow course of study:

Books to be Studied—
Bible—Exodus, Matthew, and John.
United Brethren Handbook—Shuey-Shupe.
United Brethren Discipline.
Hints to Lay Preachers—Meyer.
Sunday-School in Action—Brewbaker.
Binney's Theological Compend—Binney-Steele.
Confession of Faith—Weaver.
Bible History—Blaikie.

Books to be Read—
Life of Otterbein—Drury.
Our Heroes, Vols. I. and II.—Weekley and Fout.
Our Church Abroad—Hough.
The Frontier—Platt.
The Why and How of Foreign Missions—Brown.
Individual Work for Individuals—Trumbull.
Laymen in Action—Quayle.
Life of Bishop Mills—Funk.
Torches Aloft—Bell.
Immigrant Forces—Shriver.
Three books at least to be selected and read.

Examinations.

2. The conference superintendent, or a committee pointed by him, shall hold examinations each year in books studied. A quarterly-conference licentiate is mitted to complete the entire course in one year; but sl he fail to complete the course within three years his li shall not be subject to renewal. He is required to com

quarterly-conference course of study before being ad-
ed to the annual conference.

Permanent License.

Any one completing the above course of study and
ing satisfactory examinations in the same, may receive
:ense certifying to that fact, and not requiring annual
wal, so long as his teaching is conformable to the doc-
:s of Christ, as held by our Church, and his deportment
ı harmony with the requirements of our Discipline.

SECTION II.

ANNUAL-CONFERENCE PREACHERS.

Examinations.

A licentiate preacher is to be examined in the sub-
·d course of study by the annual conference to which
elongs, and shall have the privilege of being examined
the completion of one or more studies during the in-
ı of annual conference, and the examinations on the
es shall be completed, if possible, before the sitting of
:onference. The examinations shall be in writing, and
·d on a scale of 100, an average of 70 being required.
ere shall be a standing secretary for the committees
ourses of study who shall keep permanent records of
licentiate. of his examinations. by whom conducted,
;rades given in each book or study, note the completion
s course, when ordained, transferred, or dismissed.
book shall be provided by the annual conference for this
ose and shall be preserved as the property of the con-
ce.

To assist and encourage licentiates in their studies
also for the purpose of securing greater uniformity and
ency in the examinations, the following plan shall be
ıed: The faculty of Bonebrake Theological Seminary
prepare a list of from fifty to two hundred questions
ıch subject of study, as the subject may require, to be
d in the hands of the examiners only. The faculty shall
ise prepare a list of helpful suggestions on each sub-
:or the student, to be placed in the hands of the student,
e beginning of each year of study. The examiners on
ıe of study shall select without the knowledge of the
:iate ten or more of these questions on each subject for
ination, the examination always being conducted in the

presence of one or more of the examiners. Each licenti shall also present a written sermon in connection with examination of each year. The sermon for the first ye examination shall be upon a practical theme; for second year, a doctrinal; for the third year, a histori and for the fourth year, a social. If any licentiate is una to appear before his examiners he shall report the cause his absence.

Completing the Course.

3. Each licentiate is expected to complete the prescri course within four years, unless good reasons exist delay.

4. Should any licentiate fail to complete the cou within six years, he shall be referred to his quarterly c ference and his annual-conference license surrendered.

5. Any licentiate who has completed the full course study in Bonebrake Theological Seminary, and has pas the examinations entitling him to a diploma from that in tution, shall be excused from examinations in the ann conference course of study.

First Year.

Books to be Studied—

The Teaching of Christ—Morgan.
Future Leadership of the Church—Mott.
Extemporaneous Oratory—Buckley.
United Brethren Church History—Berger, Part I.
Making of a Sermon—Pattison.
Principles of Education—Ruediger.

Commit to Memory—

The Ten Commandments, Psalms 1 and 2, and the B itudes.

Books to be Read—

Cyclopedic Handbook to the Bible, Old Testamen Angus-Green.
With Christ in the School of Prayer—Murray.
Our Bishops—Thompson.
Personal Life of David Livingstone—Blaikie.
The Worker and His Bible—Eiselen.
Winning the Oregon Country—Faris.
The Glory of the Ministry—Robertson.

ne Graded Sunday School in Principle and Practice—
er.
ıree books at least are to be selected and read.

Second Year.

ooks to be Studied—
ophecy and the Prophets—Eiselen.
ıe Preacher—Hoyt.
ıited Brethren Church History—Berger, Parts II., III., IV.
ındamentals of Child Study—Kirkpatrick.
egetical Studies—Galatians (Cambridge Bible), I. and Timothy and Titus (Cambridge Bible).—Use either the bridge Bible for Schools and Colleges or Dummelow's mentary.

ımmit to Memory—
aiah, fifty-third chapter; First Corinthians, thirteenth ter.

ooks to be Read—
clopedic Handbook to the Bible, New Testament—ıs-Green.
fe of Weaver—Thompson.
ıtobiography of Finney.
ıe Church of the Open Country—Wilson.
ises of the Christ—Morgan.
ıe Bible—Its Origin and Nature—Dods.
ıe Indwelling Spirit—Davison.
ıe Foreign Missionary—Brown.
ıe Point of Contact in Teaching—DuBois.
ıree books at least are to be selected and read.

Third Year.

ooks to be Studied—
ıtlines of Doctrinal Theology—Drury, pp. 1-99.
ychology—Angell.
ıe Pastor Preacher—Quayle.
asonable Biblical Criticism—Beecher.
urch History—Fisher.
egetical Studies—Amos (Cambridge Bible), and Phi-ıns (Cambridge Bible).—Use Cambridge Bible for ols and Colleges or Dummelow's Commentary.

Commit to Memory—
Acts 17 : 22-31 ; Psalm 34.

Books to be Read—
Jesus Christ and the Social Question—Peabody.
Problem of the Old Testament—Orr.
The Spiritual Life—Murray.
The Preacher, His Life and Work—Jowett.
The Spiritual Life—Coe.
Building a Working Church—Black.
Christianizing the Social Order—Rauschenbusch.
The Inner Witness of the Fourth Gospel—Keister.
Rural Christendom—Roads.
Three books at least are to be selected and read.

Fourth Year.

Books to be Studied—
Outlines of Doctrinal Theology—Drury, pp. 100 to e
The Building of the Church—Jefferson.
Manual of Ethics—Mackenzie.
Jesus and the Gospel—Denney.
Apologetics—Kephart.
The Virgin Birth of Christ—Orr.

Books to be Read—
Social Message of the Modern Pulpit—Brown.
Christianity and the Social Crisis—Rauschenbusch.
Education in Religion and Morals—Coe.
Pastoral and Personal Evangelism—Goodell.
The Light of the World—Speer.
Things Fundamental—Jefferson.
Introduction to the Study of Economics—Bullock.
The Resurrection of Jesus—Orr.
Life of Mueller—Pierson.
Philosophy of Theism—Bowne.
Four books at least are to be selected and read.

SECTION III.

GERMAN COURSE OF STUDY.

QUARTERLY-CONFERENCE PREACHERS.

First Year.

Doctrines.—The presence of God, the personality of (
the Trinity, the creation, the fall of man.

ooks.—The Bible, Discipline, and the United Brethren rch, "Christlich-Apostolisches Glaubens-Bekenntniss," by Nast, "Christologische Betrachtungen," by W. Nast.

Second Year.

octrines.—The corruption of mankind, repentance, faith, ification, regeneration, witness of the Spirit, sanctifica-, possibility of falling from grace.

ooks.—The Bible, Church Discipline, Hare's "Recht-igung durch den Glauben," D'Aubigné's "Reformations-chichte," "Bekämpfung des Unglaubens," by Christlieb.

ANNUAL-CONFERENCE PREACHERS.

First Year.

octrines.—The being and attributes of God, the Trinity, creation, the doctrine of the angels, the doctrine of ıkind, man in the image of God, the fall and the cor-tion.

ooks.—The Bible; Church Discipline; Sulzberger's aubenslehre"—First Part; Luthardt's "Apologetische träge"—First Part; Dr. Joseph Beck's "Grundriss der pirischen Psychologie"; Kurtz's Text-Book on Sacred tory; Berger's History of the United Brethren Church; pert's "Praktische Theologie"; Grammatik, Heise's itfaden—Die Wortlehre"; written sermon on the Sab-ı.

Second Year.

octrines.—The doctrines of Jesus Christ, doctrine of personality and divinity of the Holy Ghost, doctrine of salvation of man, conviction, repentance, faith, justifi-on, regeneration, sanctification, possibility of falling n grace.

ooks.—The Bible; Church Discipline; Sulzberger's aubenslehre"—Second Part; Luthardt's "Apologetische träge"—Second Part; Weber's "Einleitung in die Heili-Schriften"; "Das Christliche Heilsleben," by F. F. ılus; Bishop Hurst's Church History; Dittmar's "Welt-chichte"—First Part; Grammatik, Heise's "Leitfaden Die Satzlehre"; written sermon on repentance and faith

Third Year.

octrines.—The sacraments—baptism and the Lord's per, the immortality of the soul, the resurrection of the

body, the future general judgment, everlasting reward and everlasting punishment.

Books.—The Bible; Church Discipline; Sulzberger "Glaubenslehre"—Third Part; the Immortality of the Sou by F. L. Nagler; D'Aubigné's "Reformations-Geschichte" H. Dittmar's "Welt-Geschichte"—Second Part; Heise Grammatik—Wiederholung; W. Sommer's "Aufsatzlehre" written sermon on baptism.

Books Recommended.

Jellinghaus's "Das Völlige Heil," and C. H. Spurgeon "Winke für Prediger," oder 23 Vorlesungen.

SECTION IV.

DEACONESS COURSE OF STUDY.

First Year.

Books to be Studied—

Synthetic Bible Studies, Pentateuch and Historical Bool —Gray.

With Christ in the School of Prayer—Murray.

Life of Christ—Stalker.

United Brethren Handbook—Shuey-Shupe.

United Brethren Discipline.

Books to be Read—

History of the United Brethren Church—Berger, Part

How to Bring Men to Christ—Torrey.

Seven Laws of Teaching—Gregory.

Commit to Memory—

Psalms 2, 23, and 34.

Second Year.

Books to be Studied—

Synthetic Bible Studies, New Testament—Gray.

Deaconesses—Wheeler.

Training the Teacher—Schauffler and others.

Quiet Talks on Power—Gordon.

Binney's Theological Compend—Binney-Steele.

Life of St. Paul—Stalker.

Study of Child Life—Mary Washburn.

ooks to be Read—

he Tongue of Fire—Arthur.
nited Brethren Church History, Parts II., III., and IV.
erger.
ible Geography—Hurlbut.
anual of Nursing—Weeks.

ommit to Memory—

he Beatitudes; First Corinthians, Thirteenth Chapter.

GERMAN COURSE OF STUDY FOR DEACONESSES.

Buecher fuer Gemeinde-Diakonissen Studien-Kursus.

Erstes Jahr.

ie deutsche Bibel. (a) Altes Testament, I. Mose—2-ten onika. (b) Neues Testament, Die Evangelien.
ife of Christ—Stalker.
eschichte der weiblichen Diakonie—Golder.
anual of Bible Study—Blakie.
eaconesses—Wheeler.
n der Schule des Gebets—Murray.

Buecher Angeraten zu Lesen.

es Christen Geheimniss eines verborgenen Lebens—H. Smith.
ife of Christ—Edersheim.
ow to Bring Men to Christ—Torrey.

Zweites Jahr.

ie deutsche Bibel. (a) Altes Testament, Esra—Malea- (b) Neues Testament, Apostelgeschichte bis Offb. Jo- nes.
inney's Theological Compend—Binney-Steele.
eilige Geschichte—Sulzberger.
alwer Kirchengeshichte.
ife of St. Paul—Stalker.
ocial Law of Service—Ely.
ie Krankenpflege—Duembling.

Buecher Angeraten zu Lesen.

anual of Nursing—Weeks.
ongue of Fire—Arthur.
ereinigte Brueder Kirchengeschichte—Berger.
roesserer Katechismus—Nast.

CHAPTER X.

APPEALS.

SECTION I.

FROM THE DECISION OF A CLASS.

SHOULD any member be dissatisfied with the decisio of a church or class, or committee of a church or class, a appeal may be had to the next quarterly conference b giving notice thereof to the preacher in charge, or th secretary of the trial, within thirty days after said tria together with the reasons for such appeal; and it shall b the duty of the secretary to furnish the quarterly confe ence with a certified copy of the proceedings of the tri and of the notice of the appeal.

SECTION II.

FROM THE DECISION OF A QUARTERLY CONFERENCE.

Any member of a quarterly conference dissatisfied wi the decision thereof, may appeal to the ensuing annual co ference, within thirty days after the quarterly conferenc by giving notice to the secretary, in writing, of his inte tion to appeal, together with his reasons for so doing; a it shall be the duty of the secretary to furnish a certifi copy of the proceedings, the notification, and the reaso assigned, to the annual conference.

SECTION III.

COURT OF APPEALS.

1. Any member of an annual conference, when dissati fied with the decision thereof, shall have a right to appe to a judicial court, which shall be constituted and govern as hereinafter stated.

2. Each annual conference, at the first session subs quent to the session of the General Conference, shall ele by ballot two members of the court, who shall hold offi for four consecutive years.

3. In case of an appeal from an annual conference form and manner hereinafter set forth, the presiding bish of said conference shall, at such time and place as he m determine, call together seven of the members of the cou

t accessible to the conference from which the appeal is
en, who, thus called together, shall constitute an appellate
:t to hear and determine said appeal.

This court shall organize by electing a chairman and
e competent person as secretary.

The secretary shall receive and hold all papers and
rds pertaining to said appeal, subject to the order of
chairman; keep a true record of all proceedings of said
:t, and certify the decision thereof to the annual con-
nce from which the appeal is taken, and also to the
ellant.

Five of these members shall be necessary to consti-
a quorum, and four must agree on a verdict. The
rt may affirm or reverse the finding and decision of the
ual conference, or affirm in part and reverse in part;
it shall not reverse the same, nor remand the case for
ew trial on account of errors plainly not affecting the
lt.

The decision of this court shall in all cases be final,
pt when the objections are taken on the ground that
proceedings were irregular in the application of law,
said objections are entered before the verdict of the
't is announced. In case of appeal from the court under
clause, the appellant must give notice within thirty
s to the secretary of the court, who shall send a copy
ll proceedings in said case to the General Conference.

In case of an appeal from the decision of an annual
'erence, the appellant must give written notice to the
etary of said conference within thirty days after the
urnment thereof, setting forth both his intention to
eal and the reasons for so doing.

On receipt of a notice of appeal, the secretary of the
'erence shall immediately notify the presiding bishop,
on notice from said bishop, transmit a copy of the
:eedings of the conference in said case to said court of
eal.

). The necessary expenses incurred in the assembling
aid court shall be paid by the appellant, if the appeal is
sustained; if the appeal is sustained, the annual con-
nce in which the appeal is made shall pay the expenses,
the appellant shall, in all cases, at the time the notice
ppeal is given, deposit with the secretary of said an-
l conference security for the payment of said expenses,
n amount fixed by said secretary.

PART III

Social Service and Moral Reform

CHAPTER XI.

SPECIAL RULES.

SECTION I.

SOCIAL SERVICE.

Inasmuch as existing social and industrial conditions ca for wise and firm leadership from the churches, the Churc of the United Brethren in Christ stands:

1. For equal rights and complete justice for all men i all stations of life.

2. For the protection of the family, by the single stan ard of purity, uniform divorce laws, proper regulation marriage, and proper housing.

3. For the fullest possible development for every chil especially by the provision of proper education and recre tion.

4. The abolition of child labor.

5. For such regulation of the conditions of toil f women as shall safeguard the physical and moral health the community.

6. For such consideration of the causes of poverty will lead to their prevention and abatement.

7. For the absolute prohibition of the manufacture a sale of alcoholic liquor by state and federal enactment b cause of the social, economic, and moral waste of the liqu traffic.

8. For the conservation of health.

9. For the protection of the worker from dangerous m chinery, occupational diseases, and mortality.

10. For the right of all men to the opportunity f self-maintenance, for safe-guarding this right against e croachments of every kind, and for the protection of worke from the hardships of enforced employment.

11. For old age and unemployment insurance, and f adequate federal action touching our unemployment proble

12. For the right of employees and employers alike organize for adequate means of conciliation and arbitrati in industrial disputes.

3. For a release from employment one day in seven.
4. For the gradual and reasonable reduction of the s of labor to the lowest practicable point, and for that ee of leisure for all which is a condition of the highest an life.
5. For a living wage as a minimum in every industry, for the highest wage that each industry can afford.
6. For a new emphasis upon the application of Chris- principles to the acquisition and use of property, and the most equitable division of the product of industry can be ultimately devised.

Section II.

TEMPERANCE.

Intoxicating Drinks.

The making, vending, and using of intoxicating ks as a beverage, the renting and leasing of property e used for the manufacture or sale of such drinks, also signing of petitions for granting license, or the enter- as bondsmen for persons engaged in the traffic in in- ating drinks, are strictly prohibited; and should any ir members be found guilty in these respects, they shall ealt with as in the case of other immoralities; this however, shall not be so constructed as to prevent drug- and others from the vending and using of alcohol for cinal or mechanical purposes.

Temperance Commission.

There shall be a permanent temperance commission, sting of one minister and one layman from each p's district, to be appointed by the board of bishops. duties of this commission shall be: To keep in close with similar organizations in other churches; to ap- or to authorize the appointment of delegates to local or nal bodies; to collect funds for the expenses of corre- lence and suitable literature.

The last Sunday in November of each year shall be ved as Temperance Day, but where an annual field-day served under the auspices of an organized temperance y this shall be a substitute, when desirable, for the erance Day.

Tobacco.

4. We believe that the use of tobacco in any form i injurious to body, mind, and moral nature, and a needles waste of money which could and should be otherwise applied and we kindly advise all our members to abstain from it use.

SECTION III.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The Sabbath day is ordained of God as a day of physics rest and of spiritual improvement, and the perpetuity c our civil and religious institutions demands its proper ob servance. The Church of the United Brethren in Christ, i view of the growing tendency to profane the day, as seen i the open saloon, the beer-garden, the base-ball games, th social dance, excursion trains, unnecessary labor, the increa ing apathy of the masses to attend the public service of th church, and the disregard of God's command to "rememb the sabbath day to keep it holy," earnestly counsels all i members to abstain from everything that does not contribu in the highest degree to their spiritual growth. Our mini ters and general officers of the Church are advised to l examples to the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath mad them overseers.

SECTION IV.

SLAVERY.

All slavery, in every sense of the word, is totally pr hibited, and shall in no way be tolerated in our Church.[1]

SECTION V.

SECRET COMBINATIONS.

1. A secret combination is a secret league or confede ation of persons holding principles and laws at varian with the Word of God and injurious to Christian characte as evidenced in individual life, and infringing upon the na ural, social, political, or religious rights of those outside i pale.

2. Any member or minister of our Church found in co nection with such combination shall be dealt with as

[1]This law, in its essential character, was adopted by the Ge eral Conference in 1821, Bishops Newcomer and Zeller presidi

r cases of disobedience to the order and discipline of Church; in case of members, as found in Chapter IV., ion III., and in case of ministers, as found in Chapter Section IX.

SECTION VI.

OATHS.

'e believe that the mode of testifying to the truth when ired to do so in a legal form, by way of affirmation, is us solemnly, conscientiously, and fully binding, before , to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the h.

SECTION VII.

WAR.

'e most positively record our disapproval of engaging in ntary national aggressive warfare; yet we recognize rightful authority of the civil government, and hold it onsible for the preservation and defense of our national pact against treason or invasion by any belligerent force, we believe it to be entirely consistent with the spirit Christianity to bear arms when called upon to do so by properly-constituted authorities of our Government for preservation and defense.

SECTION VIII.

DIVORCE.

We believe that the marriage relation is of divine ority; that it is the mutual union of one man and woman; that the obligation is most sacred, and morally ing so long as both shall live, and therefore cannot be olved at will, nor should it be by a decree of a civil inal, except on evidence that one party is guilty of tery.

On positive evidence of such guilt the innocent party ee from further matrimonial obligations and justly en- d to a divorce and to marry again, but the guilty party no such right.

We deny the right of marriage to both parties who been divorced for other causes than adultery.

4. Any person sustaining a marriage relation contra to that above recognized as justifiable shall be ineligible the office of the ministry of this Church.

5. No minister of this Church shall knowingly solemni the marriage of two persons, either of whom has be divorced for other than the above justifiable cause, and sh be amenable to the Church for disobedience to the ord thereof.

6. Every pastor shall be required to preach at least on a year on the sanctity of the home, and to warn his peo against the debasing influences that imperil our home li

PART IV

Property

CHAPTER XII.

Church-Houses and Parsonages.

Electing Trustees.

. Whenever it is contemplated to purchase or build a rch-house or parsonage, it shall be the duty of any nber to make it known to the quarterly conference of circuit or station to which he belongs. The quarterly ference shall then elect a board of trustees of not less n three persons, or as the law of the State may require; vided, however, that at least a majority of said board l be members of the Church of the United Brethren in ist. The trustees shall hold their office during the pleas- of the quarterly conference.

Vacancies.

. When vacancies occur in a board of trustees it shall the duty of the quarterly conference to elect suitable ons to fill such vacancies, and the secretary of the board rustees shall see that the records of the county wherein n board may reside shall correspond with the facts in the according as the law of the State may require, after n vacancies have been filled.

Duties of Trustees.

The trustees shall meet annually, and shall organize, new, or reorganize if an old board, by electing from their ber the following officers; namely, a president, secretary, treasurer. Special meetings may be called by the presi- or by a majority of the members of the board.

The secretary shall keep a correct record of all busi- transactions of the board in a book provided for that ose, which shall at all times be open for the inspection ne official board and the quarterly conference, as well the board of trustees.

5. The treasurer shall receive all funds of the board f church-house, cemetery, or parsonage purposes, and p out the same under the direction of the board, on regularl drawn orders signed by the president and secretary, a report the financial condition at their several meetings, a to the quarterly conference at least once each year.

6. No board of trustees shall begin the building of church-house or parsonage without first submitting th plans and estimates of lot, or lots, and building to t official board or quarterly conference for consideration, a proval and direction. Nor shall they proceed to buy build without first procuring an incorporation of their bo such as the State requires, and approved by the board annual conference trustees, nor without securing and cording a legal deed to themselves and their successors office in trust for the Church of the United Brethren Christ, for the real estate which they purchase, nor u they have the necessary means either in hand or sufficien assured, thus securing harmony of action, and avoiding encumbering of houses of worship and parsonages with barrassing debts.

7. It shall be the duty of the board of trustees to t charge of all the church property, employ janitors, nish light and fuel, keep the property insured, and l carefully after other wants from time to time.

8. For the raising of funds for extraordinary expen such as building churches, or making extensive repairs, paying large debts, the trustees may devise such meas as may be deemed best, and report the same to the offi board or quarterly conference for approval and co-operat

Sale and Rent of Church-Houses and Parsonages.

9. The quarterly conference may authorize the boar trustees to lease, rent, or sell church or parsonage p erty within its jurisdiction; provided, however, that proceeds shall be used in purchasing, repairing, or buil new church or parsonage property within its bounds, ex the interest or rents accruing from parsonage prop which may be applied to pay rent on the house c pied by the pastor. Provided further, that no church-h shall be sold that would result in the discontinuatio disorganization of a class, without the consent of the nual conference within the bounds of which said pro is located. An exchange of church property for the pu

federation with a church of another denomination in the
mmunity may be effected, when so desired, upon approval
the annual conference.

Conditions of Mortgages and Liens.

0. No board of trustees shall have power to mortgage
to place a lien of any kind on real estate of the United
ethren in Christ, except for the purchase of such real
ate, or the erection of necessary buildings, or for repair-
, or otherwise improving the same.

Unused Church-Houses.

1. When a house of worship outside of the jurisdiction
any quarterly conference ceases to be used by our own
ple for preaching or other religious purposes, it shall be
duty of the conference superintendent of the district in
ich such house is located to report to the annual confer-
e, which body shall authorize the board of conference
stees to rent, lease, or sell such house of worship, as they
y deem advisable, and report their proceedings to the an-
ıl conference, and that body shall have power to use
proceeds to pay debts on other houses of worship, build
houses of worship, or turn the money into the funds of
conference church extension society, or conference
rch erection society, as may seem proper, at its own dis-
tion; provided, that in no case shall a church-house and
premises be sold without the consent of the annual con-
ence within whose bounds it is located. A conference in
ich there is no board of conference trustees shall have
ver to elect such a board.

Abandoned Parsonages.

2. Should any parsonage be permanently abandoned as
h, the superintendent of the district in which such parson-
is located shall report the same to the annual conference,
ich body shall authorize the board of conference trustees
rent, lease, or sell such parsonage and report their pro-
dings to the next annual conference, which body shall
e power to use the money to pay debts on other parson-
s or in building new ones within its borders, or to turn
money into the conference church extension society,
conference church erection society. Where there is no
rd of conference trustees the conference shall have power
elect such a board.

Transfer of Churches.

13. When a lot is deeded to an English United Breth ren church, or to a German United Brethren church, an one or the other ceases to exist in an organized form, b deaths, removals, expulsions, or otherwise, or when majority of the members of said church shall decide change either from the German to the English, or *vi versa*, then the church remaining shall have full right make such improvements or repairs on said lot as m be desirable for the purposes of worship, and shall be e titled to peaceful possession.

Division of Interest.

14. In cases where fields of labor having parsonages up them are divided, the disposition of said parsonages sh be submitted to a board of arbitration, consisting of th members of the Church, one to be chosen by each quarte conference and the third by these two, to whom the wh matter shall be referred, their decision of the case be final. In cases where more than two quarterly conferen are interested, the same plan shall be pursued. In case t plan fails the quarterly conferences shall instruct the c ference superintendent to appoint a committee of three p sons, all members of our Church but none of them reside or members of either of the fields affected, and their decis shall be final; provided, however, that such action shall taken within two years of such division.

Real Estate.

15. Other real estate held for church or parsonage p poses shall be subject to the same regulations as house worship and parsonages.

Conference or District Property.

16. Where there is no provision by the laws of State for the incorporation of religious organizations, there is property that belongs to a district or confere such as parsonages for the use of bishops or confer superintendents, said conference or the conferences of district may elect a board of trustees, who shall be mem of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, resi within the district or conference, who shall have the righ receive deeds for such property and power to lease, ren sell the same.

. Any quarterly conference that has appointed trus-
for a bishop's parsonage shall fill all vacancies under
lirection of the co-operating conferences.

PART V

Boards, Departments, and Institutions

CHAPTER XIII.

Board of Church Trustees.

1. Be it ordained by the General Conference of t Church of the United Brethren in Christ, That th shall be an incorporated board of trustees for the Chu of the United Brethren in Christ, consisting of twelve me bers, a majority of whom shall be citizens of Ohio, elec by the General Conference of said Church for a term of f years, or until their successors are elected. Said board sh be known as the Trustees of the United Brethren in Chr and its headquarters shall be in Dayton, Ohio.

2. The organization of this board shall be effec at its first regular meeting of each quadrennium by election of a president and secretary, and it shall therea reorganize annually. The general Church treasurer s be the treasurer of this body. It shall meet on the cal the president annually, or whenever the president and se tary may determine. The board may elect an execu committee with authority to transact any necessary busi in the interim of the board's sessions, subject to the appr of the board.

3. It shall be the duty of the board to receive, hol trust, or apply, for the benefit of the Church of the Ur Brethren in Christ, any and all funds, donations, gra and bequests that may be given, directed, or conveye such board or to the United Brethren Church as such, any benevolent purpose whatever. All such funds and proceeds thereof shall be applied in harmony with specified purpose of the donors, or in the absence of specifications, as the board may determine.

4. The board shall report quadrennially to the eral Conference of said Church all funds and pro received for the Church and the disposition made o same, and shall be answerable to, and under the dire of said General Conference.

CHAPTER XIV.

Board of Administration.

Organization.

The general Board of Administration shall consist of bishops, *ex-officio*, and one minister and one layman every fifty thousand members or fraction thereof from bishop's district in the United States, to be elected by General Conference. The General Conference shall elect xecutive secretary.

The board shall meet after the adjournment of General ference on the call of the senior bishop. It shall elect a rman and recording secretary, and such committees as l be needed. It shall have power to appoint its times places of meeting during the quadrennium.

The board shall have power to fill any vacancies in own body which may occur during the quadrennium.

Duties of the Board.

The Board of Administration is entrusted with the notion of the financial plan of the Church.

The board shall provide for the General Conference ense fund.

The board shall direct general campaigns during the drennium to attain such Church goals as have been deined by the General Conference.

. The board shall receive reports from the general rch treasurer, and to it he shall be responsible for the hful performance of his duties.

. The board shall direct the auditing of the accounts all departments of the Church, with a view to securing a uniformity of method and completeness of form as shall most efficient, and shall give any needed information to Church.

. The board shall plan and put into execution a camgn for the raising of a pension fund for aged ministers.

0. The board shall fill any vacancies in General Confere offices that may occur during the quadrennium, in e there is no specific board charged with that duty, and provision of the Discipline to fill such office.

1. The board shall be the co-ordinating body for the ire denomination, acting with the bishops, to secure harny and efficiency in the plans of all Church departments.

In exercising this function, it shall have on advisory rel tion to all departments as to business methods and plans.

12. The board shall recommend to succeeding Gener Conferences such changes in the Discipline and plans organization, and such methods of co-operation as it believ will increase the efficiency and co-ordinate the work of t entire Church, its recommendations to be printed and mail to each delegate to the next General Conference at le thirty days before the convening of the conference.

13. The board shall study the charters of institutio and societies of the Church, and supply the General C ference any needed information.

NOTE: The Board of Administration was authorized devise a practical plan by which delegates to the Gene Conference may be provided with advance reports of departments.

CHAPTER XV.

Financial Plan of the Church.

Board of Administration.

The general Board of Administration shall promote inancial plan of the Church, encourage the study and ice of Christian stewardship, give publicity to plans methods, re-enforce the departments in securing funds, aid in attaining the financial goals fixed by the General erence.

Apportionment and Division of Funds.

(1) The Board of Administration shall apportion the ral Conference budget to the annual conferences, and mine the ratio of distribution of the benevolence budget e boards whose support from the budget is authorized he General Conference.

) The annual conferences shall make an apportion- of the general benevolence budget, including the annual erence budget, to the various charges in the conference. entire amount collected from the various charges in the erence shall be divided between the general benevolence et and the annual conference budget on the basis of the ortion that each sustains to the entire budget. The unt of the general benevolence budget shall be trans- ed immediately to the general Church treasurer at ton, Ohio, who shall at once send a copy of the receipts e various departments. The general Church treasurer l credit to the various departments the amounts due from this fund on the basis of the proportion that the ortionment for them to that conference sustains to the e general benevolence budget for said conference.

) Should an annual conference consider its apportion- t excessive, it may confer with the general Board of Ad- stration for adjustment of the apportionment.

The Annual Conference.

(1) There shall be in each annual conference a fin- committee composed of the conference superintendents an equal number of ministers and laymen elected by the al conference who shall arrange for the annual con- ice budget and apportion it to the various charges. This nittee shall co-operate with the committee in the local

church and the general Board of Administration in workin out the financial plan on each charge.

(2) The annual conference budget shall consist of t apportionment of the general budget, plus the annual co ference benevolences, which shall include the apportionme for the educational institutions with which the conferen co-operates. In fixing the amount to be apportioned to t annual conference benevolences consideration should be giv to the real needs and the present and past giving of t conferences to these benevolences. The conference committ shall report to the annual conference the entire conferen budget and the amount included for each interest for a justment and adoption.

(3) In apportioning this budget to the various charg the conference committee shall be governed by the abil and the standard of giving of the local church or church

(4) The entire amount collected from the vari charges in the conference shall be divided between the g eral benevolence budget and the conference budget on basis of the proportion that each sustains to the ent budget.

(5) All conference benevolence work shall first be proved by the conference committee on finance before be presented to the local churches.

(6) Should any charge consider the apportionment m by the annual conference as excessive, the official body the charge may confer with the conference committee finance for readjustment.

The Local Church.

4. (1) Each local church shall give special attentio systematic instruction in Christian stewardship and methods of finance recommended by the committee.

(2) The official board shall elect a benevolence c mittee in each local church which in conjunction with pastor shall provide for the benevolence offerings of church.

(3) The benevolence committee shall direct an ev member canvass of the members and supporters of church for an offering on the weekly basis for the ben lence budget. This canvass when possible shall be mad a different time from that for the current expense budge

(4) It is recommended by the General Conference pastors and official boards give the official benevolences

of way before allowing special and outside local benev-
es to be presented to their congregations; furthermore,
appeals shall be presented only after they have the
rsement of the official board.

Plan of Finance for the Local Church.

(1) The official board or the quarterly conference
arrange a budget for the current expenses, including
pastor's salary, the conference superintendent's salary
ss otherwise provided by the annual conference, and all
other local church expenses for the year.

) A committee on finance shall be elected by the offi-
board. This committee shall provide for a personal
ass of the members and supporters of the church for
nnual pledge on the weekly basis, and when practical
canvass shall be made prior to the beginning of the
l year. This canvass can be omitted when the scriptural
has been adopted of bringing the whole tithe into the
house.

) The quarterly conference shall elect a financial secre-
and two treasurers, one to care for the current expense
and the other for the benevolence offerings of the
ch. The financial secretary shall keep an account of
offerings to both budgets in a book provided for that
ose. The treasurer of the benevolence fund shall remit
ne conference treasurer monthly. The treasurer of the
ent expense fund shall distribute it as ordered by the
al board.

The Sunday School.

(1) A budget covering all the current expenses of
Sunday school may be prepared by the proper officials
he Sunday school, the same to be submitted to the
ch committee on finance to be incorporated in the local
ch's current expense budget. All bills shall be paid by
church treasurer on orders signed by the superintendent
secretary of the Sunday school.

2) The regular offerings taken in the Sunday school
l be applied on the budgets adopted by the local church.

3) When practical, the envelope system for offering is
e used, a definite per cent. of the offering to be appor-
ed by the Sunday-school board to both the current ex-
e and benevolence budgets of the local church. If the
ex envelope is used, then the amount indicated by the

giver shall go to each budget. The every-member can plan may be carried out in the Sunday school.

Apportionments.

7. (1) The benevolence budget is to be regarded as minimum and not the maximum standard of giving. It is an assessment, but what is asked of the local church thr the general Board of Administration to sustain the var boards and the work of the conference.

(2) Previous to the every-member canvass for both rent expense and benevolence budgets, there should be sp sermons and inspirational addresses, systematic study of financial plan of the church, the needs of the various bo and the work of the annual conference.

Teaching Christian Stewardship.

8. (1) The Board of Administration shall teach otherwise promote the principles of Christian stewards as they apply to life, talent, time, and all possessions.

(2) The outstanding principles of Christian steward recorded in the Word of God and fostered by the Church God's ownership and man's tenancy. The resources of earth, the mines, the forests, the fields, the cattle upo thousand hills are his. Man, into whose hands these th are given, is to administer them in such a way as to c out God's purposes in the establishment of his kingdom. his Word, three distinct statements are given, concerning part he has reserved for himself for this purpose: F "The tithe is the Lord's"—it does not and cannot belon man; second, "It is holy unto the Lord"—a sacred t which we should return devotedly to him; third, "Bring tithe into the place which the Lord thy God shall choos set his name there"—offer it with devotion in the hous place set aside for his worship. On the first day of week we are to worship by bringing an offering cheerf as God hath prospered.

CHAPTER XVI.

PARTMENT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL, BROTHERHOOD, AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

SECTION I.

CONSTITUTION.

order to secure a general and systematic study of the e, the development of the various forms of men's work ır Church, and the training of our young people for the service, we ordain the following constitution for the rtments to be known as the department of Sunday ol and Brotherhood work, and the department of ıg People's work, which departments shall be the legal ssors to what was heretofore known as the General lay School Board, the Men's Movement, and Young le's Christian Endeavor Union.

Article I.—Board of Control.

e departments of Sunday School and Brotherhood, and oung People's work, shall be under the direction of a al board of control.

Article II.—Object.

e object of this board shall be to promote the organ- on, growth, and efficiency of Sunday schools, Brother- s, and Young People's societies, and hold such conven- as may be deemed wise and necessary.

Article III.—Members of the Board.

e board shall be composed of nine members, at least of whom shall be laymen, who shall be elected by the ral Conference, together with the editors of the Sun- school literature, the editor of the Watchword, and the al publishing agent. The bishops shall be *ex officio* bers of this board. A majority of the board shall con- te a quorum.

Article IV.—Officers and Meetings.

This board shall be convened by the senior bishop n thirty days after election, and shall be organized by ing a president and recording secretary.

The general treasurer of the Church shall be the urer of this board.

3. The board shall meet annually in the month of A or May on such day or days as it may from time to t determine; other meetings may be held upon the call the president of the board.

Article V.—Executive Committee.

The board shall elect five as an executive committee the department of Sunday School and Brotherhood w and five as an executive committee for the department Young People's work, which committees shall act in interims of the board meetings.

Article VI.—Vacancies.

The board shall be empowered to fill vacancies occur during the quadrennium.

Article VII.—Funds.

1. The sources of the funds shall be an apportionn from the Board of Administration and the offerings f the observance of Children's Day, Brotherhood Day, Young People's anniversary day.

2. The funds of the department of Sunday School Brotherhood work shall be used to assist in maintai Sunday schools in home and foreign fields, in organi and promoting the best interests of Bible classes, Brot hoods, leagues, etc., and for defraying the legitimate penses of the department; provided that the principal o permanent funds shall be carefully invested and only income therefrom be expended.

3. The funds of the department of Young People's shall be used in promoting religious work among our y people, in providing for their training in Christian se throughout the entire denomination, and in helping to de the expenses of the department.

4. All applications for literature for Sunday schools be made through the general secretary, the grantin which request shall be subject to regulations prescribe the board or executive committee. Appropriations sha made only to Sunday schools conducted in harmony with disciplinary provisions of the United Brethren Churc to schools giving satisfactory evidence that they will become such.

Article VIII.—Duties of Officers.

The president shall preside at the meetings of the d. He shall also call special meetings of the board when is judgment and that of the executive committee, it is ssary.

The recording secretary shall keep an accurate record e business transactions of the board in a book provided hat purpose, and under direction of the president shall the call for the regular and special sessions of the d.

The general Church treasurer shall hold in trust the s of the board and disburse the same on orders proper-gned by the chairman and secretary of the executive nittee of each department respectively.

It shall be the duty of the general secretary of the tment of Sunday School and Brotherhood work, when practicable, to visit the conferences in the interest of vork of his department; he shall endeavor to stimulate est in Sunday schools and Brotherhoods by presenting nost approved methods of work; he shall urge the or-ation and maintenance of all recognized departments; nall promote teacher-training and shall urge the ob-nce of Children's Day; he shall aid in developing Chris-benevolence and interest in missions in Sunday schools Brotherhoods; he shall keep a record of all bequests, es, notes, and other valuable papers coming into his ssion and turn them over to the general Church treas-for safe deposit; he shall prepare and publish a quad-al report for the General Conference and perform such duties as the board may direct.

It shall be the duty of the general secretary of the ment of Young People's work to plan for and pro-the most approved methods of work among our young ; to visit conferences and hold institutes in connection conference union conventions; to consult with con-e union officers as to the best ways of increasing the ncy of the local societies, to stimulate religious train-nong our young people, and to prepare reports and m such duties as the board may direct.

cle IX.—Annual-Conference Relations and Duties.

Each annual conference shall elect annually a confer-board, consisting of five members. This board shall mmediately on the adjournment of the annual confer-

ence and organize by electing a president, secretary, a
treasurer. The duties of this board shall be:

a. To stimulate the development of the Sunday sch
and Brotherhood work within the bounds of the conferen

b. To appoint a conference elementary division super
tendent, and such other officers as may be found necessa
to promote the work of the Sunday schools in the conferen

c. The secretary shall collect and preserve the statist
of Sunday schools and Brotherhoods of the conference a
transmit a copy thereof to the general secretary of
department of Sunday School and Brotherhood work.

d. It shall represent the interests of this department
fore the annual conference and hold an anniversary serv
at each annual conference session.

e. It shall be allowed by the annual conference suffici
funds to perform the duties outlined above.

Article X.—Pastor's Relations.

The pastor shall have general supervision over the S
day schools, Brotherhoods, and Young People's societies
his charge, and shall be present at their sessions as o
as practicable. He shall be present and preside at the
organization of his Sunday schools. It shall be his dut
organize a Sunday school at each appointment on his ch
where there is not one already. He shall encourage the
ganization of Young People's societies and Brotherhood
his charge where at all practicable. He shall furnish
statistics of schools, Brotherhoods, and Young People's
eties as are required by the annual-conference chart,
such other statistical information as may be requested
the authorized heads of the departments. It shall als
his duty to see that Children's Day and Young People's
niversary day are observed and that liberal offerings
taken upon these days and sent to the general Ch
treasurer. These offerings shall be in addition to the
ference apportionment for the general board.

SECTION II.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

Organization of New Sunday Schools.

In organizing a new school the pastor shall pursue
plan as he may think advisable to secure a superinten

ary, and treasurer. It is desirable that, if possible. ficers should be active Christians and members of our h. They shall hold office for one year, and shall per- the duties which usually pertain to such offices.

CONSTITUTION FOR A SUNDAY SCHOOL.

s recommended that all the Sunday schools adopt the ing constitution; provided, that any school may have ivilege of enacting such by-laws for its better regula- s will not conflict with the constitution.

Article I.—Name.

school shall be known as the United Brethren Sun- hool of ———.

Article II.—Object.

object of the school shall be to gather in all people study of the Bible and for the study of the various es of the church, to secure the salvation of souls for Christian service, and to promote the worship of

Article III.—Officers.

The officers shall be the pastor, a general superintend- d superintendent for the elementary, the secondary, adult divisions, a secretary, a treasurer, a librarian, hen desired by the school, a chorister and organist. ties of these officers shall be such as usually pertain offices; and whenever it is deemed necessary for the s of the school, an assistant may be elected in each offices; all of whom shall be subject in their official to their superior officers, except in the absence of periors.

here shall be an executive committee of three or five, by the school, a majority of whom shall be members United Brethren Church at ———. The pastor and endent shall also be members *ex officio*. It shall duty of this committee to select and order a suit- ount of our own literature and helps for the school ne to time, and look after the general interests of ol.

The executive committee, in conjunction with the of the school, may at least one week prior to the the annual election, nominate suitable persons as

candidates for each of the various offices of the scho provided that, on stations, if desirable to the pastor, election of the superintendent may be by the official bo

4. All elections in schools shall be by ballot, only rolled members over twelve years of age voting.

5. The superintendent, when at all possible, shall b member of the United Brethren Church in good and regu standing. He, with the approval of the pastor, shall point the teachers; provided, however, that regularly org ized adult classes may select their teachers subject to approval of the superintendent and pastor.

6. The pastor of the church shall preside at each an election, whenever practicable, and the superintendent pastor shall preside at all special elections.

Article IV.—Vacancies.

Vacancies for unexpired terms shall be filled in the s manner and form as above provided for annual reorgan tion.

Article V.—Organized Classes.

To promote greater efficiency and to increase attend in our Sunday schools, it is urged that all classes above junior age be organized, and that they secure their cha from the general secretary of the denominational Sun school board.

Article VI.—Missions.

Each of our Sunday schools, in its auxiliary relation to the Home Missionary Society and the Foreign Missio Society of our Church, is expected to observe a monthly sionary day, on which a brief missionary exercise shal rendered and a missionary offering taken. In places w a monthly missionary day seems impracticable, each sc shall be required to observe such a missionary day on quarter. The first and third quarters of the calendar shall be devoted to the study of foreign missions; the se and fourth quarters to the study of home missions; the ings during these periods to go to the benevolence bud

SECTION III.

BROTHERHOOD WORK.

General Statement.

romising movement in modern Christianity is the bind-
ogether of men in church brotherhoods for personal
ous improvement and training for efficient service in
ngdom of Christ.

Brotherhood may be comprised of a men's Bible class, a
tion of two or more men's Bible classes, or may be a
ate organization including all the men in the church
ommunity, providing it subscribes to the Brotherhood
ives. The number of committees may be diminished
reased at the discretion of the Brotherhood.

CONSTITUTION FOR A BROTHERHOOD.

Article I.—Name.

name of this organization shall be the Otterbein
erhood of the ———— Church, United Brethren
rist.

Article II.—Object.

purpose of this organization is to promote the Broth-
spirit; to secure the salvation, spiritual growth and
y of our men; to create interest in Bible study and
ian fellowship among men; to increase the efficiency
local church; to encourage denominational loyalty; to
all the men of the community in all the movements for
civic, and industrial betterment. One of the definite
s of the Brotherhood shall be to devise plans whereby
ys of the community may be won to Christ and the
h.

Article III.—Membership.

Any man over sixteen years of age shall be eligible
nbership, if approved by the executive committee and
l by a majority of the members present at any regular
g of the Brotherhood.

Each member shall be required to pay a monthly due
——— cents.

Article IV.—Meetings.

Devotional.—The Brotherhood may hold weekly or
ly devotional meetings for the study of the Word,

prayer, and testimony. All members of the Brotherh should be encouraged to take a part.

2. Business.—Business meetings shall be held monthly quarterly or oftener at the call of the executive commit

3. ———— members present at any regular or spec meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction business.

4. At the regular business meetings the officers and ch men of committees shall submit written reports of work do

Article V.—Officers.

1. The elective officers shall consist of a president, v president, secretary, and treasurer. They shall be elec for one year by a majority of the members present at annual meeting and shall hold office until their succes are chosen.

2. The president and treasurer shall be members of local church where this Brotherhood is organized.

3. The pastor shall be a member of the executive c mittee.

Article VI.—Duties of Officers.

1. The president shall preside at all business meet and shall be a member *ex officio* of all regular commit

2. The vice-president shall assist the president and perform all the duties of the president in case of the lat absence or disability, and may be the director of the work of the Brotherhood.

3. The secretary shall keep a roll of the membership a record of all the proceedings of each business mee He shall report the formation of the Brotherhood to the ference organization and to the office of the board of trol of Sunday School and Brotherhood work, and time to time report for publication items concerning progress of the Brotherhood.

4. The treasurer shall collect all dues, keep moneys, pay all bills upon the authorization of the president secretary. He shall make a report of all receipts and bursements at the regular business meetings of the Bro hood and shall be a member of, and report to, the o board and the quarterly conference.

rticle VII.—Standing Committees and Their Duties.

There may authorized seven standing committees—utive, membership, devotional and religious work, social fellowship, Bible, mission study and Sunday school, al reform work, and work for boys.

The executive committee shall consist of the pastor, ers of the Brotherhood, and the chairmen of the standing mittees. This committee shall outline plans and aims the Brotherhood and stimulate the different committees heir specific duties.

The membership committee shall seek to win new ıbers, prayerfully follow up all delinquents, visit the , and provide as far as possible for the relief of all ıbers in distress.

The devotional and religious work committee shall ·ide leaders and topics for such devotional meetings as l be agreed upon, aid in building up the church prayer-ting and other church services, and plan such other tings as will promote the religious life of boys and men.

The social and fellowship committee shall provide ıl functions, welcome strangers and newcomers to the ·ch services, Sunday-school and Brotherhood meetings, in every way encourage friendliness among men and ı.

The Bible, mission study and Sunday-school com-ee shall seek to interest men in the study of the Bible, ıionary books as authorized by our mission boards, and perate in the organization of men's and boys' classes in Sunday school.

The moral reform committee shall bring to the no-of the Brotherhood all urgent problems of moral reform aid in advancing the cause of civic righteousness through Brotherhood.

Work for boys. This committee shall labor earnestly arry on Christian work among boys.

Article VIII.—Special Offering.

he Brotherhood shall take an offering each year in the th of January for the board which promotes it.

Article IX.—Amendments.

his constitution may be amended at any regular business ting of the Brotherhood by a two-thirds vote of the mem-

bers present, provided the amendment was submitted to th Brotherhood at a previous meeting.

Any by-laws may be adopted for increasing the efficienc of the Brotherhood, provided such are in harmony with thi constitution and the Discipline of the Church.

SECTION IV.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

MODEL CONSTITUTION FOR THE CONFERENCE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR UNION.

Article I.—Name.

This organization shall be called the Christian Endeavo Union of the————Conference of the Church of th United Brethren in Christ.

Article II.—Object.

The object of this union shall be to unite the Young Pe ple's Christian societies of the conference for mutual hel fulness, for stimulating church loyalty, and an intellige interest in the various Church enterprises, and for the o ganization and extension of Young People's Christian s cieties within the conference.

Article III.—Membership.

1. Any Young People's Christian Endeavor society, any other Young People's Christian organization connect with the United Brethren Church in this conference, ma be a member of this conference union. Local Junior an Intermediate societies may likewise be members.

2. Each Young People's society shall be entitled to——— ——delegates and each Junior and Intermediate to——— delegates to the convention of the conference union.

Article IV.—Officers.

1. The officers shall be a president, a vice-president, recording secretary, a corresponding secretary, a treasurer, Junior superintendent, and an Intermediate superintenden and such other department superintendents as may be deem necessary. These shall be elected at the regular conventi of the union.

2. The conference executive committee shall consist of the regularly elected officers and such others as may elected. The committee should co-operate with the confe ence board of control.

Article V.—Duties.

The duties of the president, vice-president, and treas- shall be such as usually devolve upon such officers.

The duties of the recording secretary shall be to keep a d of all transactions of the union and of the executive ittee.

The duties of the corresponding secretary shall be to a list of the societies in the conference, with the name e president and corresponding secretary of each, and of the officers of the conference union; to furnish the to the general secretary of the department of Young e's work, and to conduct all correspondence.

The Junior and Intermediate superintendents shall charge of the Junior and Intermediate work in the rence.

The executive committee shall look after the interests e Young People's societies in the conference, provide eeting necessary expenses, for the collection of annual arrange for the annual meetings, and perform such duties as may be required by the department of Young le's work.

Article VI.—Conventions.

e conventions of this conference union shall be held ally at such time and place as may be determined by nion or by its executive committee.

Article VII.—Finances.

e funds for the regular work of this union may be d by annual dues levied upon each Young People's, mediate, and Junior society in the conference, the nt to be determined by the union. Each society shall nake a contribution by dues or otherwise to the benev- e budget.

e missionary funds raised by the Junior Christian En- r societies for missionary purposes other than confer- missionary objects shall be sent to the conference tian Endeavor union treasurer to be forwarded to the rer of the Women's Missionary Association, at Dayton,

Article VIII.—By-Laws.

e conference union may enact such by-laws as con- e conditions and needs may require. It is expected

that no by-laws inconsistent with the general good of t
Young People's work in the Church will be enacted.

Model Constitution for a Young People's Socie
of Christian Endeavor.

Article I.—Name.

This society shall be called the Young People's Society
Christian Endeavor of*———— United Brethren Chur
of†————.

Article II.—Object.

It shall be the object of this society to promote an e
nest Christian life among its members, to increase th
mutual acquaintance, to make them more useful in the se
ice of God, to promote loyalty to the Church of the Unit
Brethren in Christ, to study its life and interests, and
seek in every proper way to assist in the growth of bo
the local church and the denomination at large, as our p
ticular part of God's Zion.

Article III.—Membership.

1. The members shall consist of three classes, acti
associate, and honorary.

2. Active Members.—The active members of this soci
shall consist of the pastor and all Christian young peo
who sincerely desire to accomplish the object above specifi
Voting powers shall be vested only in the active members.

3. Associate Members.—All young persons of wort
character who have not as yet publicly professed their fa
in Christ, may become associate members of this socie
They shall have the special prayers and sympathy of
active members. It is expected that all associate memb
will regularly attend the prayer meetings and that th
will in time become active members.

4. Honorary or Affiliated Members.—Persons who
any reason cannot assume the duties of active membersh
but who are interested in the society, and desire to prom
its welfare, may become honorary members. Honorary me
bers are expected to support the society financially
otherwise.

5. These different persons shall become members u
election by the society.

*Insert name of church. †Insert name of place.

Article IV.—Officers and Committees.

. The officers of this society shall be a president, a e-president, a recording secretary, a corresponding secre- y, and a treasurer, all of whom shall be chosen from the ive members of the society. The president should be a mber of the United Brethren Church.

2. Executive Committee.—This committee shall consist the pastor of the church, the officers of the society, the irmen of the various committees, and the Junior and ermediate superintendents. All matters requiring debate y be brought first before this committee.

3. Other Committees.—There shall be appointed from the ive membership such committees as shall be necessary to ry on the work of the society, these committees to be ected from the list suggested in the by-laws.

Article V.—Duties of Officers.

1. President.—The president of the society shall perform duties usually pertaining to that office. He shall have ieral oversight of the interests of the society, and it shall his care to see that the different committees perform duties devolving upon them. He shall make a report of work of the society at each session of the quarterly con- ence or official board.

2. Vice-President.—The vice-president shall assist the sident in promoting the interest of the society and shall form the duties of the president in his absence.

3. Recording Secretary.—The recording secretary shall p a record of the members, and correct it from time to ie, as may be necessary; shall obtain the signature of h newly-elected member to the pledge; shall correspond th absent members, and inform them of their standing in society; shall keep correct minutes of all business meet- s of the society; and shall notify all persons elected to ce or to committees, in writing, if necessary.

4. Corresponding Secretary.—The corresponding secre- y shall keep the local society in communication with the ieral secretary of the department of Young People's rk, and with other local societies; and shall present to own society such matters of interest as may come from department of Young People's work, or from the confer- e union, or from other Christian sources. He shall also ort to the general secretary of Young People's work the mber of persons who have adopted the Christian steward-

ship plan, the comrades of the quiet hour, the life work recruits, and the number enrolled in mission study classes. This office shall be permanent, and the name shall be forwarded to the corresponding secretary of the conference union and then to the general secretary of the department of Young People's work, at Dayton, Ohio.

Article VI.—The Prayer Meeting.

1. All the active members shall be present at every meeting, unless detained by some absolute necessity, and each active member shall take some part, however slight, in every meeting. To the above all the active members shall pledge themselves, understanding by "absolute necessity" some reason for absence which can conscientiously be given to their Master, Jesus Christ.

2. Once each month a consecration, or covenant, meeting shall be held, at which each active member shall renew his vows of consecration.

3. At each consecration meeting the roll shall be called, or some other effective method of making the record may be employed, and the responses of the active members who are present shall be considered a renewed expression of allegiance to Christ. It is expected that if any one is obliged to be absent from this meeting he will send a message, or at least a verse of scripture, to be read in response to his name at the roll-call.

4. If any active member of the society is absent from this monthly meeting and fails to send a message, the lookout committee is expected to take the name of such a one, and in a kind and brotherly spirit ascertain the reason for the absence. If an active member of the society is absent and unexcused from three consecutive monthly meetings his name may be stricken from the list of members, on the approval of the executive committee.

5. The lookout committee shall present to all candidates for membership the following, or some other form of the Christian Endeavor pledge, to be signed.

Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise him that I will strive to do whatever he would have me do. I will make it the rule of my life to pray and read the Bible, to support the work and worship of my church, and to take my part in the meetings and other activities of this society. These things I will do unless hindered by consci-

ious reasons; and in them all I will seek the Savior's dance.

(Signed) .....

Article VII.—Business Meetings and Elections.

. Business meetings may be held monthly on an even- designated by the society, or at any other time upon l of the president.

2. An election of officers and committees shall be held ually (or semi-annually, as may be thought best). Names y be proposed by a nominating committee appointed by president.

Article VIII.—Relation to the Church.

. This society shall at no time adopt any rule or prac- e contrary to the Discipline and usages of the United ethren Church.

2. This society shall be auxiliary to the———— Con- ence Christian Endeavor Union of the United Brethren Christ.

Article IX.—Finances.

1. This society shall pay annually to the conference on treasury, as dues, such sum as may be determined by conference union. It shall also collect from each nior and Intermediate society annual dues. The annual es should be forwarded by the treasurer, on order, to the asurer of the conference union. The amounts are due first of January each year, and should be paid during t month.

2. This society shall help in raising the benevolence lget of the local church and shall co-operate with any ancial enterprise of the conference union.

3. This society should take a free-will offering for the partment of Young People's work on Young People's an- ersary day.

Article X.—Amendments.

This constitution may be amended at any regular meet- by a two-thirds vote of the members present, one week's ice having been given: provided that Article II. and ticle IX. shall not be changed.

By-Laws.

Article I.—Meetings.

1. Regular Meetings.—This society shall hold a meeting on————evening of each week. The————regular meeting of each month shall be a testimony or consecration meeting. The regular business meeting shall be on the————of each month.

2. Meetings for Study.—Meetings for the study of Christian Endeavor, personal evangelism, missions, Christian stewardship, and Christian citizenship may be held as determined by the society.

3. Literary Meetings.—Literary meetings for the rendering of literary programs may be held at such time as the society may determine, provided that nothing shall be given inconsistent with our position as a Christian society.

Article II.—Methods of Raising Money.

Funds for the society may be raised by regular dues, payable at the regular monthly business meeting or at the consecration meeting, or the society may adopt other systematic plans for the finances.

Article III.—Suggested Committees and Their Duties.

1. Executive Committee.—See Constitution, Article IV., Section 2.

2. Lookout Committee.—It shall be the duty of this committee to bring new members into the society, to introduce them to the work and to the other members, and to look after and reclaim any that seem indifferent to their duties. This committee shall also, after consideration, propose names for membership, at least one week before their election.

3. Devotional Committee.—This committee shall have in charge the meetings, and shall see that a topic is assigned and a leader appointed for every devotional meeting. It shall also assist the leader in increasing the interest in the devotional meetings. A member of this committee may be superintendent of the quiet hour.

4. Social Committee.—It shall be the duty of this committee to promote the social interests of the society by welcoming strangers to the meetings, and by providing for the mutual acquaintance of the members by occasional sociables, for which any appropriate entertainment of which the church approves may be provided.

Church and Sunday-School Committee.—It shall be
luty of this committee to visit the young people of the
nunity and strangers, invite them to the Sunday school
church services, and see that they are properly received
ese meetings. The committee shall also co-operate with
pastor of the church and the superintendent of the Sun-
school in any way which they may suggest for the bene-
the church and Sunday school.

Missionary Committee.—It shall be the duty of this
nittee to awaken an intelligent missionary enthusiasm
ng the members of the society. This interest is to be
sed by holding missionary meetings, promoting mission
y classes, and by using missionary funds as directed
ne society.

Music Committee.—It shall be the duty of this com-
ee to provide for the singing at the Young People's
ing, also to turn the musical ability of the society into
unt, when necessary, at public religious meetings.

The Relief Committee.—It shall be the duty of this
nittee to do what it can to cheer and aid, if possible
necessary by material comforts, the sick and destitute
ng the young people of the church and Sunday school.

The Efficiency Committee.—The efficiency committee
endeavor to have the society adopt some efficiency
dard and shall have charge of the literary work of the
ty. It shall also do what it can to circulate the
chword, Religious Telescope, and all other periodicals
ne Church, among the families of the congregation, as
pastor of the church may direct. It should distribute
s and introduce good reading matter wherever prac-
ble. A member of this committee may be the Watchword
t.

. Christian Stewardship Committee.—It shall be the
of this committee to practice and teach by every pos-
means the duty of systematic, proportionate giving to
cause of Christ of at least one-tenth of the income of
members of the society, and to secure and preserve a
of the members who practice such giving, or will promise
o so, and through the corresponding secretary of the
ty forward a list of such names to the general secretary
ne department of Young People's work or to the secre-
of the Board of Administration.

. College Committee.—It shall be the duty of this
nittee to keep the society in touch with the college with

which the conference co-operates, to awaken a desire i the young people for college training, and communicate th names of the persons who may desire to attend the colleg to the president of the college, and to promote the interes of the college in any reasonable way in which the colleg authorities may suggest. A member of this committee ma be superintendent of life work recruits.

Article IV.—Elections.

The election of officers shall be held at the regular bus ness meeting in————. A nominating committee ma be appointed by the president.

Article V.—Quorum.

————members shall constitute a quorum for th transaction of business.

Article VI.—Amendments.

These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of th members present.

Section V.

MODEL CONSTITUTION FOR A JUNIOR OR AN INTERMEDIAT CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY.

Article I.—Name.

This organization shall be known as the Junior [or Inte mediate] Christian Endeavor Society of*————Unite Brethren Church of†————.

Article II.—Object.

The object of this society shall be to promote in its mem bers a pure and worthy character, to aid in the study of th Bible, and to cultivate the principles of loyal service t Christ.

1. The members shall be boys and girls **who shall hav been approved by the superintendent, and elected by a ma jority of the members present at any regular meeting.

*Insert name of church. †Insert name of place.
**Boys and girls usually are called Juniors between the agr of six and twelve or thirteen, and Intermediates between thi teen and sixteen.

. All those who become members shall pledge themselves ttend regularly the meetings of the society and to observe l order in them.

Article IV.—Junior or Intermediate Society Pledge.

rusting in Jesus Christ to help me, I promise that I will ve to do whatever he would like to have me do; that I pray and read the Bible, and keep the Sabbath day holy; that just so far as I know how I will try to lead a good ; that I will be present at every meeting when not hin- d by sickness or some other just cause; and that I will some part in the meetings, especially the monthly recog- on meetings.

PARENT'S ANSWER.

have carefully read the accompanying pledge and cheer- give my consent for————to sign it, and will do t I can to help————to faithfully keep it.

Parent's name————————————

Address————————————

Article V.—Officers.

The officers of this society shall be superintendent and assistant superintendents as may be needed, a president, president, secretary, and treasurer.

The superintendents may be appointed by the pastor, ected by the Young People's society of the church, with pproval of the pastor and official board.

Article VI.—Duties of Officers.

The superintendent shall have general charge of the y and its work. A report is to be made to each quar- conference.

The assistant superintendents shall aid the super- dent in promoting the work of the society. The first ant may care for all the funds received from the rer.

The president shall preside at all business meetings, the advice of the superintendent.

The vice-president shall conduct business meetings in sence of the president.

The secretary shall keep a record of the names and at- nce of members, and all of the proceedings of all ss meetings.

The treasurer shall take the collections, enter the nt in a book provided for that purpose, and turn over

the money to the assistant superintendent for safe keepi
A record shall also be kept of all expenditures as direct
by the superintendent and society.

Article VII.—Committees.

There may be such committees as the superintende
deems necessary. The members of the committees may
nominated by the superintendent and elected by the socie

1. Lookout, or Membership Committee.—This commit
shall secure the names of those who should join the soci
and seek to induce them to become members. It shall a
aid in keeping the members faithful in attendance and tak
part.

2. Prayer Meeting, or Devotional.—This committee sh
help the superintendent to arrange programs, provide mu
distribute Bibles, singing books, tracts, etc., and aid
every way which the superintendents may direct to prom
the interests of the meetings.

3. Social.—This committee shall welcome the members
the meetings and help the superintendent in holding soci

4. Temperance.—To canvass for signatures to the te
perance pledge under the direction of the superintende
and to help in any other way to promote temperance w
among boys and girls.

Temperance Pledge.—I hereby promise, God helping
to abstain from the use of tobacco in every form, from
use of wine, beer, and other intoxicating drinks, and fr
the use of profane and unclean language.

5. Executive Committee.—The pastor, superintende
and the officers shall compose the executive committee, wh
shall have full control of the affairs of the society.

Article VIII.—Meetings.

1. A devotional meeting shall be held every week,
exercises of which shall consist of prayers, scripture read
and study, singing, and testimony.

2. Once a month the meeting shall be known as
recognition meeting. At some time during the exercises
pledge shall be recited in concert, and the roll called.
responses shall be considered a renewal of the pledge of
society.

3. Monthly missionary meetings shall be held at wh
time missionary offerings may be taken.

4. All meetings shall be in charge of the superintendent, ploying the members as leaders in the best manner to in them.

5. The pastor or superintendent shall use a part of the ur of the weekly meeting, when deemed best, for special struction in Bible truth, missions, church life and stewardp, or for other profitable exercises.

Article IX.—Relationship.

This society shall be considered a department of the urch with which it is connected. It shall also sustain a se and intimate relation to the Young People's society the church, with which the members of the Junior or termediate society are expected to connect themselves en they have reached the proper age.

Th Junior Christian Endeavor society in its missionary tivities is asked to co-operate with the Women's Mission- Association, which in turn, may assist the Junior superendent in cultivating a missionary interest among the niors by suggesting missionary literature and information.

Article X.—By-Laws.

1. The regular meetings of this society shall be held——— ———. The last meeting of each month shall be a recogni- n meeting. The business meeting shall be————.

2. The superintendent, in consultation with the pastor, ill at each election propose names of available members the several offices, who shall be elected by a majority of members present. The officers shall be elected and the nmittees appointed for a term of six months, and shall er upon their duties the———day of————and the ———day of————of each year.

3. The funds for the expenses of the society and other poses may be raised by regular dues or by offerings taken the monthly recognition meetings, or at other meetings as superintendent may arrange.

4. Special meetings of the society may be called at any e by the pastor or superintendent.

5. The committees should hold a meeting with the superendent once a month for consultation about their work.

6. This constitution and these by-laws may be amended any regular meeting upon the recommendation of the extive committee.

CHAPTER XVII.

The Home Missionary Society.

CONSTITUTION.

Article I.—Object.

This society shall be called the Home Missionary Societ of the United Brethren in Christ (the legal successor of th Home, Frontier, and Foreign Missionary Society of th United Brethren in Christ in its home work), and is orga ized for the purpose of extending and establishing the wo of the Church in the home field.

Article II.—Membership.

The board of control shall consist of nine persons elect by the General Conference and three members to be chose by the Women's Missionary Association, provided the three shall be elected as members of this board by ballo of the General Conference. The general secretary of th society shall be the executive officer of the board. A majori of the members present at any regular or called meetin shall constitute a quorum.

Article III.—Organization.

Immediately upon adjournment of the General Conferenc a meeting of the board shall be called by the secretary, a an organization effected for the quadrennium by electing president, vice-president, and an executive committee. S members shall be chosen for the executive committee, fo by the directors of the Home Missionary Society and tw by the trustees of the Women's Missionary Associatio The general secretary of the society shall be a member *officio.*

Article IV.—Duties of Officers.

1. President.—The president shall preside at all meetin of the board, and shall have power, in conjunction with th secretary, to call special meetings. In the absence of th president, the vice-president shall take his place.

2. Secretary.—The general secretary shall keep correct inutes of all the proceedings of the society, conduct its rrespondence, and keep a record of all bequests, legacies. otes, and other valuable papers coming into his possession. e shall also make out and publish an annual report of the ork of the society; also, a quadrennial report for the Gen- al Conference. It shall be his further duty, when prac- cable, to visit the fields where the board is giving aid, with e view of acquainting himself and the board with the ndition and needs of the work. He shall give himself to e raising of funds by visiting churches, and personally presenting the interests of the society. He shall have the ivilege of one page in the Religious Telescope, subject to e general approval of the editor. His salary shall be fixed the General Conference.

3. Treasurer.—The general Church treasurer shall hold e funds of the society, subject to the order of the board. he General Conference shall fix his salary. The propor- on of his salary to be paid by this society shall be paid by e executive committee in conjunction with the other boards ving the services of said general treasurer.

Article V.—Duties of the Board of Control.

This board shall hold annual meetings, appoint an execu- ve committee, make by-laws for the better regulation of its ork, appropriate funds for current expenses, employ mis- onaries, open new missions in conjunction with the bishop the district, appoint superintendents for mission districts, thorize or discontinue appropriations, fill vacancies in its vn body and in connection with one or more of the bishops, dain missionaries in its employ to the office of elder, pro- ded such missionaries have taken the course of study re- uired by Discipline, or its equivalent. It shall also have ower in conjunction with the bishop of the district, to ominate persons for conference superintendents in con- rences where said superintendents are supported in part the board.

Article VI.—Branch Societies.

Each annual conference shall organize a branch society, uxiliary to the Home Missionary Society, consisting of ree members, naming one as its secretary, who shall assist e general secretary in developing interest in home mis- ons and securing gifts for the society. It shall also be the

duty of the branches to hold home mission rallies in the
respective conferences, co-operating with the general societ
in organizing home mission study classes and the gener
spread of home mission information.

Article VII.—Funds.

1. The income of the society from permanent funds s
cured shall be used by the board for its current expense
unless the donors direct otherwise.

The annual apportionment and division of funds shall b
by the Board of Administration as outlined in the plan fo
said board in Chapter XIV.

2. Each of our Sunday schools in its auxiliary relatio
ship to the Home Missionary Society is expected to obser
the monthly missionary day. Exercises should be rendere
and an offering taken for the benevolence budget. In plac
where a monthly missionary day seems impracticable eac
school will be required to observe a missionary day on
a quarter. The first and third quarters shall be devoted
the study of foreign missions, the second and fourth qua
ters shall be devoted to the study of home missions, th
offerings during these quarters to go to the benevolen
budget.

3. The month of November shall be observed by all o
congregations as a time of prayer and thanksgiving f
missions, and pastors shall preach on the subject and tu
the attention of the people toward the extension of th
Master's kingdom in the home field.

4. Special efforts shall be made by the general secretar
pastors, and conference superintendents to secure wills, b
quests, and deeded properties for the purpose of building u
a permanent fund, the interest only to be used for hom
missions.

Article VIII.—Local Organization.

A missionary committee may be organized in any loc
church to interest and enlist the entire membership of th
local church in the work of both home and foreign missio
and devise such methods and measures as shall develop th
church into a strong missionary agency.

Article IX.—Mission Districts.

1. A mission district may be organized by the Hom
Missionary Society outside of the bounds of a mission co

rence or annual conference and the administration of such stricts shall be under the control and direction of the Home issionary Society, in conjunction with the bishop of the strict.

2. Whenever a mission district has eight or more pastoral arges, it may be made a mission conference by the con- nt of the Home Mission board, and, as such, it will have gular annual sessions of ministers and lay delegates, pre- ded over by the bishop of the district. At these annual eetings, the regular business of the annual conference shall transacted, except that the conference superintendent all be chosen as provided by Chapter XVII., Article V., the Discipline. The mission conference shall have repre- ntation in the General Conference on the same basis as nual conferences.

3. Whenever the Home Mission board, and the mission nference and the bishop shall concur in that a mission nference has reached the state of development and growth here it will be able to support an efficient superintendency d without aid from the Home Mission board, it shall be- me an annual conference.

Article X.—Unoccupied Territory.

The Home Mission board may operate in any territory ithin the bounds of an annual conference not occupied by id conference, and by consent of the same.

Article XI.—Missionaries.

Every missionary in the board's employ shall report to the eneral secretary monthly respecting the condition of his harge; and no missionary shall be entitled to his salary if e neglects this requirement, or leaves his field without the onsent of the board or his conference superintendent. A milar monthly report is also required of conference super- ntendents employed by the board.

Article XII.—Social Service.

The Home Missionary Society shall be authorized to create bureau of social service and reform as its funds will permit.

Article XIII.—The Relation of the Ministry to Home Missions.

1. Every pastor in charge of a field of labor shall seek o organize and train the membership of his charge to be-

come an efficient force in the extension of our missiona work in the home field, by the organization of home missi study classes, the introduction of mission training in t Sunday school and the promotion of the laymen's missiona movement, which is to be both home and foreign in its ed cational and benevolent work. He shall strive earnestly get every member of the Church to give systematically the benevolence budget and report the offerings quarter to the conference treasurer.

2. The bishops of the Church and the conference supe intendents shall promote home missions by sermons, a addresses, and by careful inquiry concerning the work bei done on the various charges for this cause; and they sh seek to develop the missionary spirit by aiding in missio ary institutes and in the widespread study of home missio

3. The bishops shall visit new and promising opening especially in the cities and large towns, and give person direction in establishing missions within the bounds of the districts.

Article XIV.—Opening Missions.

The bishop of the district and the general Home Missi board shall be counselled in opening new missions whe they are expecting help for the support of the pastor.

Article XV.—Self-Support.

When the board makes appropriations it shall be with clear understanding that said aid is to be reduced from ye to year and the point so aided shall plan for self-suppo at the earliest possible moment. Deviation from this ru shall be only in case of emergency.

Article XVI.—Application for Appropriation.

In conferences expecting an appropriation, the conferen home missions committee and the conference church e tension board shall make known to the Home Missiona Society at least two months before annual conference t amount actually needed for the coming year, and in turn t Home Mission office shall inform such conference author ties as to the approximate amount it expects to appr priate, and the conference shall furnish the Home Missio office a schedule of the places, names, and amounts for t final action of the Home Mission board.

Article XVII.—Annual-Conference Treasurer.

ach annual conference shall elect a treasurer of benev-
ces who shall report in detail by charges and remit
thly the amount received for home missions to the gen-
Church treasurer at Dayton, Ohio, who shall make
rd thereof and receipt for the same.

Article XVIII.—Rural Life.

he Home Mission board is authorized to create a depart-
t on present day rural life problems, and the relation
the Church to their solution. This commission shall
to reach its objectives through careful investigation and
ve education and to participate where possible with other
anizations engaged in similar work. It shall particu-
y assist our own conferences in any rural life work
ch they may undertake.

Article XIX.

t shall be the duty of the Home Mission secretary to
ure from the conference treasurer full reports of all
neys paid by the conference to pastors serving conference
ne missions.

CHAPTER XVIII.

The Foreign Missionary Society.

CONSTITUTION.

Article I.—Name.

This society shall be called the Foreign Missionary ciety of the United Brethren in Christ (the legal succes of the Home, Frontier, and Foreign Missionary Society the United Brethren in Christ in its foreign work).

Article II.—Functions.

This society is organized for the purpose of extending knowledge of the gospel of Christ throughout the earth the utilization of the resources of the Church. Said soci shall, through its distributed activities, promote an inter in foreign missions by approved methods in the ho churches, Sunday schools, and Young People's societies. shall disseminate information touching mission fields, shall appoint, commission, and send forth missionaries, a conduct any and all work that properly devolves upon s a society. The supreme aim of the missionary society sh be to establish a self-supporting native church in each fi

Upon request of a mission council abroad, the society hereby granted authority to take such steps in co-operat and federation of work abroad with other missions, af careful consideration, as may be necessary and desirable the highest development of a victorious native Church.

Article III.—Membership.

Every person, by virtue of becoming a member of Church of the United Brethren in Christ, is a member the Foreign Missionary Society.

Article IV.—Organization.

The organization of the society shall consist of a bo of directors, an executive committee, an annual confere branch society, and a committee in every local church.

Article V.—Directors and Their Duties.

The board of directors shall consist of the bishops of Church, the general secretary, six directors, who shall elected by the General Conference, and three directors shall be chosen by the trustees of the Women's Mis- ary Association. A majority of the members present ny regular or called meeting shall constitute a quorum. officers of the society shall consist of a president, to lected at the first meeting of the directors in each quad- nium, a secretary, who shall be the general secretary ted by General Conference, and a treasurer, who shall he general Church treasurer. The bishops of the Church l be vice-presidents in the order of their seniority in e.

The board of directors shall have charge of, and give ctions to all the work of the society. The board of ctors shall hold a meeting once every year, and upon the uest of the executive committee, the president shall call cial sessions for the transaction of important business. board shall make by-laws to regulate the business of society; receive and pass upon the reports of the gen- secretary, treasurer, minutes of the executive committee, reports from the foreign fields; make a careful study of needs of the work abroad and appropriate the money essary to carry forward the entire work of the society; ploy secretaries for the cultivation of the home Church; oint foreign missionaries and fill vacancies in its own y; in connection with the bishops or any one of them, ain missionaries to the office of elder, provided such mis- aries have taken the courses of study specified by the cipline, or their equivalent; determine the aims and hods to be pursued in enlisting the home Church in the ension of the gospel; elect four members of the executive mittee, and have the use of one page in the Religious escope, which shall be conducted by the general secretary, ject to the approval of the editor.

Article VI.—The Executive Committee and its Duties.

Six members shall be chosen for the executive committee, r by the directors of the Foreign Missionary Society, and by the trustees of the Women's Missionary Association. general secretary of the society shall be an *ex officio* mber of the committee. The committee shall have charge

of all the business of the society between the annual m
ings. In the appointment of missionaries, and in mak
appropriations not authorized by the board, the commit
shall, through correspondence or otherwise, secure the
proval of a majority of the members of the board.

Article VII.—Branch Organization.

Every annual conference shall organize a branch soci
auxiliary to the Foreign Missionary Society, consisting
three members, naming one as its secretary, who shall as
the general secretary in developing interest in foreign m
sions and securing gifts for the society.

Article VIII.—Local Church Committee.

A missionary committee shall be organized in every lo
church to interest and enlist the entire membership of
local church in the work of both home and foreign missi
and devise such methods and measures as shall develop
Church into a strong missionary agency.

Article IX.—Duties of the General Secretary.

1. It shall be the duty of the general secretary to p
mote the dissemination of missionary information throu
out the Church by tracts, books, and other publications,
through conventions, rallies, and institutes he shall endea
to create a missionary atmosphere. He shall direct the orga
zation of mission study classes, introduce missionary
struction in the Sunday school, and assist the Sund
school superintendent, the president of the Young Peop
society, and the pastor to introduce a regular system of
ing to missions.

2. The general secretary shall diligently study the
ministrative problem of the work abroad, so as to emp
such agencies as shall lead to the development of a str
native church. He shall exercise diligence to discover
encourage those whom the Holy Spirit has called to fore
missionary work, shall bring them to the attention of
society and executive committee for appointment, and s
assist candidates in the preparation for their work bef
going to the field.

3. The general secretary shall keep a correct record
the society, and conduct its correspondence. He shall
the custodian of all its legal papers. He shall prepare

al report of the work of the society and a quadrennial
t to the General Conference. He shall call meetings
e executive committee to transact business.

Article X.—The Treasurer and His Duties.

e general Church treasurer, elected by the General
erence, shall hold all funds of the society subject to the
of the board or executive committee. His salary shall
xed by the General Conference and the proportion of
to be paid by this board shall be determined by the
utive committee, in conjunction with the other boards
ng his services; he shall make an annual report to the
l, and a quadrennial report to the General Conference.

rticle XI.—The Relation of the Ministry to Foreign Missions.

Every pastor in charge of a field of labor shall seek to
nize and train the membership of his charge to become
fficient force in the world-wide extension of the gospel
ne organization of foreign mission study classes, the in-
uction of missionary training in the Sunday school and
s Brotherhood. He shall strive earnestly to get every
ber of the Church to give systematically to foreign mis-
, according to the plan for benevolence offerings adopted
he Church.

The bishops of the Church and the conference superin-
ents shall promote foreign missions by sermons and
esses and by careful inquiry concerning the work being
for this cause on the various charges and they shall
to develop the missionary spirit by aiding in missionary
tutes and in the wide-spread study of foreign missions.

Article XII.—Annual Conference Treasurer.

very annual conference shall elect a treasurer of benev-
es who shall report monthly the amount received for
gn missions to the general Church treasurer at Day-
Ohio, who shall make record thereof and receipt for the
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Article XIII.—Missions in the Sunday School.

very Sunday school, in its auxiliary relationship to the
e Missionary Society and the Foreign Missionary
ety of our Church, is expected to observe a monthly
ionary day, on which a brief missionary exercise shall
endered and a missionary offering taken. In places

where a monthly missionary day seems impracticable, e
school shall be required to observe such a missionary
once a quarter.

The first and third quarters of the calendar year shal
devoted to the study of foreign missions; the second
fourth quarters to the study of home missions, the offer
during these periods to go to the benevolence budget.

Article XIV.—A Foreign Mission Conference.

A foreign mission conference is composed of all for
missionaries bearing credentials from the board, orda
native ministers, licentiates, and one lay delegate from
charge developing self-support according to the system ad
ed by the conference.

All foreign missionaries, bearing proper credentials f
the Mission board, ordained native ministers, licentiates,
one lay delegate from each charge, developing self-sup
according to the system adopted by the conference, ma
members of the foreign mission conference.

Other workers employed may become advisory meml
upon approval of the conference. A foreign mission
ference shall be presided over by a bishop or in his abs
by the mission superintendent. In the absence of both
bishop and the mission superintendent, the conference
elect its own chairman.

The presiding officer shall appoint a stationing commi
of which he shall be chairman, and he shall likewise app
all standing committees.

Article XV.—Superintendency.

1. The bishop elected by the General Conference
general superintendent over our foreign mission confere
shall preside, when possible, at the annual session of
foreign mission conference. He shall give close attentio
the large problems of each field, and, by counselling with
missionaries and native workers, seek to establish n
churches and institutions filled with a passion for evange
strong in self-support, and able ultimately to extend
direct their own work without aid from other lands.

2. The bishop assigned to the foreign fields shall
in co-operation with the Foreign Missionary Society
with the mission council on the field and seek to inte
the needs and viewpoint of each to the other.

The Foreign Missionary Society shall appoint a mis- superintendent over each mission conference for one ı, subject to reappointment, or his tenure of office may erminated at any time at the discretion of the board. he mission superintendent of each field, in co-operation ı the board and the bishop of the district, shall arrange work and take supervision of the conference. He shall ort quarterly the condition and needs of the field to the eral secretary of the mission board and to the bishop of district.

The bishop of the district and each mission super- ndent shall submit an annual report to the Foreign Mis- board.

Article XVI.—Reports.

ll missionaries employed by the board shall be furnished h credentials of their appointment, and be subject to board in regard to their term of service, salary, and time and length of furlough. They shall report quar- y the condition and progress of their work to the mission erintendent; and they shall also make an annual report he general secretary of the board, a copy of which shall iled with the superintendent.

Article XVII.—The Mission Council.

here shall be a mission council in each foreign mission ference, composed of all foreign missionaries employed by board in such conference. Said council shall be the inet of the mission superintendent, provided, however, t in matters of difference between the superintendent and cabinet, a two-thirds vote of the said mission council ll determine the course to be pursued, except in matters interpretation of the policy of the board. Missionaries ll be eligible to voting privileges in the council only after year's residence on the mission field. The mission super- endent shall be chairman of the mission council, and also asurer of the mission funds, unless other provision is de by the board.

The mission council shall convene once a year, and oftener practicable, and receive reports of missionaries in charge districts, stations or departments of work. It shall co- erate with the mission superintendent in the general pervision of the work, by committee or otherwise, espe- lly with reference to the division of the missionaries'

work, the budget, and the administration of the miss funds.

Article XVIII.—Delegates to General Conference.

The number of delegates from foreign mission c ferences to the General Conference, not in excess of ratio to annual conferences in America; and the manner their election shall be determined by the Foreign Miss board. The board shall meet the expenses of the delega from their respective fields to and from their places of r dence in the United States, or if such delegates have place of residence in the United States to and from ports of entry, and all additional expenses shall be met the General Conference as in the case of other delegates.

Article XIX.—The Powers and Duties of a Foreign Miss Conference.

A foreign mission conference shall have power similar an annual conference, subject to regulations of the miss board. It shall revise, year by year, the list of itinerar except those who hold membership in American conferen and report the same to the agent of the publishing hou and compile other statistics of its work, as nearly as possi in harmony with the Church in general, having in mind requirements of general missionary reports.

Article XX.—Course of Ministerial Study and Rules.

A mission conference employing other than the Engl or German languages shall have power to make its o course of ministerial study, as nearly as practicable equivalent of the English course. General efficiency a practical experience, as well as moral fitness, shall be c sidered in recommending candidates for ordination. It m enact necessary rules for its own government in harmo with the Book of Discipline, and the regulations of mission board.

CHAPTER XIX.

Women's Missionary Association.

Section I.

GENERAL CONSTITUTION.

Article I.—Name.

The association shall be known as the Women's Mission- Association of the United Brethren in Christ, accord- to the articles of incorporation under the laws of the te of Ohio. Its general offices shall be located in Dayton, io.

Article II.—Object.

The association is for the purpose of enlisting and unit- the efforts of the women, the young women, and the dren of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, to p send and support missionaries in the home and foreign ds; to assist in carrying forward the work in said fields; l to secure by gift, bequest, and otherwise, the funds essary to aid in such missionary operations.

t shall disseminate literature and information concerning needs of the mission fields where operating, and conduct and all other work that usually belongs to such an or- ization.

t shall be empowered by its articles of incorporation to eive by gift, bequest or purchase, real and personal prop- , and hold the same for the uses and purposes of said ociation, the same as any other corporations of like char- er.

Article III.—Relation to the Church.

This association shall work under the direction of the eral Conference of said Church, to which the general retary shall submit quadrennial reports. It shall also k in co-operation with the Home Missionary Society the Foreign Missionary Society of the Church of the ted Brethren in Christ, upon whose boards and execu- committees it shall have one-third representation.

Article IV.—Membership.

1. The annual dues for membership in said associatio shall be in accord with the membership dues of the variou departments.

2. The payment of $10 at one time, or by installment within five years, shall constitute a life membership.*

The payment of $25 at one time, or by installments with in five years, shall constitute a life directorship.*

The payment of $100 at one time, or by installments with in five years, shall constitute a life patronship.*

3. Life patrons shall be full members of the board managers. Life directors shall be advisory members of th same. Life patrons and life directors shall be full men bers, and life members shall be advisory members of th branch within whose bounds they reside. These privileg are accorded only to those who pay annual dues.

Article V.—Organization.

This organization shall consist of a board of manager conference branches, local societies, and chapters of th Otterbein Guild.

Article VI.—Board of Managers.

The board of managers shall consist of the board trustees, the life patrons, the secretary of the Otterbe Guild, the secretary of literature, the secretary of than offering, and three delegates from each branch, who sh be elected at the branch meeting preceding the meeting the board of managers, and the branch presidents if prese

Article VII.—Duties of the Board of Managers.

The board of managers shall meet biennially. It sh receive and pass upon the reports of the general secreta treasurer, department secretaries, editor and publisher the Evangel, branch organizations, and reports from t mission fields. It shall elect by ballot the members of t board of trustees, the secretary of the Otterbein Guild, t secretary of literature, and the secretary of thank-off ing.

*A certificate shall be given at the time of payment in f but this certificate shall not exempt from annual dues.

Article VIII.—Board of Trustees.

he board of trustees shall consist of nine members who l be elected by ballot at the biennial meeting of the d of managers, six of whom and no more shall be resi- s of Dayton, Ohio, or vicinity.

Article IX.—Duties of the Board of Trustees.

ne board of trustees so elected shall assemble before the of the biennial meeting of the board of managers and nize by the election from its own number of all the ers provided for in Article X.

shall choose from its number the necessary representa- upon the boards and executive committees of the e and the Foreign Missionary societies. It shall also the editor of the Evangel, the field secretary and the l member of the literature committee.

the interim between the meetings of the board of agers the board of trustees shall have full power and rol of the general interests and administration of the rs of the association including the making of appropria- s.

l legal papers of the association shall be executed by president and the general secretary of the association, ided that the president lives in Dayton or vicinity, other- by the resident vice-president and the general sec- y, who shall sign and seal all such papers, including s of transfer, in the name and on behalf of the asso- on.

ne board of trustees shall have the authority to ap- t and empower one or two persons to act for the asso- on with power of attorney when occasion may arise to nd such action.

Article X.—Officers.

e officers of the association shall be a president, three presidents, a general secretary, a recording secretary, easurer, and a chairman of the resident trustees, as ided in Article IX. The offices of general secretary treasurer may be held by one person.

Article XI.—Duties of Officers.

The president shall preside at the biennial meeting of board of managers and shall have general supervision e work of the association.

2. The vice-presidents shall co-operate with the pres dent in carrying forward the work of the association. The shall preside in the absence of the president or upon reques

3. The general secretary shall, under the supervision the board of trustees, attend to all the business connect with the association, secure gifts and bequests, keep a documents pertaining to the association and attend to co respondence.

She shall submit an annual report to the associati through the Evangel, an annual report to the Home and t Foreign Missionary societies, a biennial report to the boa of managers, and a quadrennial report to the General Co ference. She shall have the power to call meetings of t board of trustees.

4. The recording secretary shall keep the minutes the proceedings of the biennial meetings of the board managers, and of all the meetings of the board of truste She shall submit an annual report to the association throu the Evangel and a biennial report to the board of manage

5. The treasurer shall receive all funds coming into Women's Missionary Association and transmit quarterly, order of the trustees, to the general Church treasurer, th funds which are to be disbursed for work in the missi fields on order of the executive committees of the Home a the Foreign Missionary societies.

6. The administration expenses of the association sh be under the control of the board of trustees, said expen to be paid by the treasurer of the Women's Missionary sociation on order of the trustees.

The treasurer shall submit quarterly reports, also annual report to the association through the Evangel, annual report to the Home and the Foreign Mission societies, and a biennial report to the board of manag She shall give bond and her accounts shall be audited nually.

She shall receive all funds of the Evangel and shall the expenses of the same on order of the trustees.

She shall receive all funds of the literature departm and shall disburse the same on order of the general lit ture committee.

Article XII.—Funds.

All gifts, bequests, and funds contributed to any special ect of the association shall be held sacred to the uses l purposes intended by the donor.

Article XIII.—Woman's Day.

By the action of the General Conference and the board managers, the last Sunday in October is designated as oman's Day. A public program may be given and an ering taken which shall be forwarded to the branch treas- r for the Woman's Day fund.

Article XIV.—Department of the Otterbein Guild.

. The object of this department shall be to enlist the ing women in the cause of missions, to lead them to sonal consecration, to disseminate missionary knowledge, l to raise funds to be applied to any work undertaken this department, under the supervision of the Women's ssionary Association.

. The head of this department shall be a secretary, who ll be elected by the board of managers.

. The secretary shall send out plans and suggestions to nch secretaries of the Otterbein Guild, aid in developing work in the branches, and conduct the department of Otterbein Guild in the Evangel, subject to the approval the editor. She shall make quarterly reports, also an ual report to the general secretary. She shall make an ual report to the association through the Evangel and a nnial report to the board of managers.

Article XV.—Department of Literature.

. The Evangel shall be the official organ of the Women's ssionary Association. Its editor shall be elected by the rd of trustees.

. The object of this department shall be to awaken and orm the women, the young women, and the children the Church on the subject of missions, to increase the ulation of the Evangel and to encourage the use of mis- ary literature, missionary leaflets, and books of the mis- n study course.

. The head of this department shall be a secretary who ll be elected by the board of managers.

. There shall also be a general literature committee, posed of three members—the secretary of the department,

the editor of the Evangel, and a third member elected
the board of trustees—whose duty it shall be to prepare a
publish the literature of the association.

5. The officers of this department shall consist of t
department secretary, and secretaries of literature
branches, local societies, and chapters of the Otterbein Gui

6. Through the department secretary this committee sh
send out plans and suggestions to the secretaries of lite
ture of the branches, assist in developing the work in
branches, submit quarterly reports and an annual report
the association through the Evangel and a biennial report
the board of managers.

7. All money received from the sale of literature sh
be retained by the general literature committee for the ma
tenance of the work.

Article XVI.—Thank-offering Department.

1. The object of this department shall be to emphas
the devotional and educational features of our giving;
help the women to give systematically, and as an act
worship.

2. The head of this department shall be a secretary, w
shall be elected by the board of managers.

3. The secretary shall send out plans and suggestions
the branch secretaries, aid in developing the work of
branches, and conduct the thank-offering department in
Evangel, subject to the approval of the editor. She sh
make an annual report to the association through
Evangel, and a biennial report to the board of manager

Article XVII.—Department of Children's Work.

The object of this department shall be to educate
children in missionary work, in definite prayer, and syst
atic giving for missions.

This work shall be done through the Junior Chris
Endeavor society in harmony with the following sect
from the Junior constitution:

1. "Monthly missionary meetings shall be held at wh
time missionary offerings may be taken."

2. "The Junior Christian Endeavor society in its
sionary activities is asked to co-operate with the Wom
Missionary Association which in turn, may assist the Ju
superintendent in cultivating a missionary interest an

ie Juniors by suggesting missionary literature and infor-
ation."

3. "The missionary funds raised by the Junior Christian
ndeavor societies for missionary purposes other than con-
rence missionary objects shall be sent by the branch
hristian Endeavor treasurer to the treasurer of the Wom-
n's Missionary Association, at Dayton, Ohio."

SECTION II.

CONFERENCE BRANCH CONSTITUTION.

Article I.—Name.

This branch shall be called the ———— Branch of
ie Women's Missionary Association of the Church of the
nited Brethren in Christ.

Article II.—Object.

The object of the branch shall be to enlist the women,
ie young women, and the children within the bounds of
———— Conference in the cause of missions, to lead
iem to personal consecration, to disseminate missionary
nowledge, and to raise funds to help carry forward the
ome and the foreign work of the Women's Missionary
ssociation.

Article III.—Membership.

The membership of this branch shall consist of the mem-
ers of the association living within the bounds of the con-
rence.

Article IV.—Officers.

The officers of the branch shall be a president, two vice-
residents, a secretary, a treasurer, a secretary of the Otter-
ein Guild, a secretary of literature, and a secretary of
ank-offering. The officers shall be elected by ballot at
ie annual meeting.

Article V.—Executive Committee.

The officers of the branch, together with the branch
iperintendent of Junior Christian Endeavor (who is a
ember *ex-officio*) shall constitute the executive committee.
he organizers shall be advisory members. The executive
ommittee shall meet after the branch meeting and outline
efinite plans for the year. It shall supervise and develop

the work within the bounds of the conference; divide th conference into two districts over which the vice-president shall have supervision; seek to secure the organization c local societies and chapters of the Otterbein Guild in eac church, and strengthen those already existing.

Article VI.—Duties of Officers.

1. The president shall preside at the annual meeting an have general supervision of all the work of the branc She shall endeavor to have all the plans adopted by th branch executive committee carried into effect.

2. The vice-presidents shall co-operate with and aid th president in every possible way to carry out the plans the branch. They shall superintend the districts into whic the branch may be divided, shall have charge of the membe ship at large, and shall assist in developing and strengthe ing the work. They shall preside in the absence of th president, or upon request.

3. The secretary shall keep a record of the proceedin of the annual meeting and of the executive committee mee ings. She shall submit quarterly reports to the gener secretary, which shall reach her not later than June 2 September 29, December 29, March 29, also the annu report not later than March 29. She shall announce a the branch and executive committee meetings and prese an annual report to the branch convention.

4. The treasurer shall receive all funds of the bran and transmit the same, except the branch contingent, to t general treasurer. She shall submit quarterly reports the general treasurer, which shall reach her not later th June 29, September 29, December 29, March 29, also t annual report not later than March 29, when the books the general treasurer close. She shall pay bills of t branch only upon vouchers properly certified by the pre dent and secretary. She shall give bond, and her books sh be audited annually. She shall present an annual report the branch convention.

5. The secretary of the Otterbein Guild shall, in harmo with the department secretary, endeavor to interest t young women in each local church of the conference in m sions, and, whenever possible, organize a chapter. She sh submit quarterly reports to the department secretary, wh shall reach her not later than June 29, September December 29, and March 29, also the annual report

r than March 29. She shall present an annual report the branch convention.

. The secretary of literature shall, during the year, ct and recommend missionary literature to local secre- es of literature, and for the sales table at the branch vention.

She shall endeavor to secure a wider reading of mission- literature, especially of the Evangel and missionary lets. She shall encourage the use of the books of the sion study course. She shall submit quarterly reports to department secretary which shall reach her not later n June 29, September 29, December 29, and March 29, the annual report not later than March 29. She shall sent an annual report to the branch convention.

. The secretary of thank-offering, in harmony with the artment secretary, shall endeavor to interest the women l girls in each local society and chapter in the branch this department. Her annual report shall reach the artment secretary not later than March 29. She shall sent an annual report to the branch convention.

Article VII.—Meetings.

The branch shall meet annually and shall consist of the nch officers, three delegates from each local society, two egates from each chapter of the Otterbein Guild, the life rons, and life directors residing within the branch and ing annual dues. Life members shall be advisory mem- s.

It shall receive and pass upon reports. It shall transact business pertaining to its work. It shall elect officers l three delegates to the meeting of the board of managers, of whom should be a representative of the Otterbein ild, and another a member of the executive committee.

Article VIII.—Contingent Fund.

The expenses of the branch officers to the executive com ttee meetings, its delegates to the biennial meeting of the ard of managers, and all other expenses of the branch ll be provided for by a contingent fund derived from societies within the branch, as hereinafter provided.

SECTION III.

LOCAL SOCIETY CONSTITUTION.

Article I.—Name.

This society shall be called the ———— local socie ———— Branch of the Women's Missionary Associati of the United Brethren in Christ.

Article II.—Object.

The object of this local society shall be to enlist the wom of the ———— church in the cause of missions, lead them to personal consecration, to disseminate missi ary knowledge, and to raise funds to help carry forw the home and the foreign work of the Women's Mission Association.

Article III.—Membership.

1. Any woman may become a member by the payment ten cents per month, the yearly total to be divided as follo $1.00 to general fund, 20 cents to branch contingent.

2. The society shall provide for all expenses connec with the work of the society through a local conting fund.

3. Any child may become a member by the payment five cents per month, and shall be reported on the list associate members.

4. The payment of $10 at one time, or by installme within five years, shall constitute a life membership.*

The payment of $25 at one time, or by installments w in five years shall constitute a life directorship.*

The payment of $100 at one time, or by installme within five years, shall constitute a life patronship.*

5. Life patrons shall be full members of the board managers; life directors shall be advisory members of same. Life patrons and life directors shall be full m bers, and life members shall be advisory members of branch within whose bounds they reside. These pr leges are accorded only to those who pay annual dues.

Article IV.—Officers.

The officers of the local society shall consist of a presid a vice-president, a secretary, a treasurer, a secretary

*A certificate shall be given at the time of payment in but this certificate shall not exempt from annual dues.

erature, a secretary of thank-offering, and two or more llectors who shall be elected by ballot at the annual meet- ; in March.

Article V.—Executive Committee.

The officers of the society shall constitute the executive mmittee, whose duty it shall be to supervise and plan the ork of the society. They shall endeavor to interest and list every woman and girl in the church in the work.

Article VI.—Duties of Officers.

1. The president shall preside at all meetings of the ciety and supervise its general interests. She shall be *officio* a member of every standing committee of the so- ty, and present in writing a report of the work to each arterly conference.

2. The vice-president shall co-operate with and aid the esident in every possible way to carry out the plans of e society. She shall preside in the absence of the presi- nt or upon request.

3. The secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings each meeting and the meetings of the executive commit- e. She shall keep a record of the names of the members, so a separate record of the names of the life members, e directors, and life patrons. She shall send quarterly ports to the branch secretary which shall reach her not er than June 20, September 20, December 20, March 20, so the annual report not later than March 20. She shall esent a report in writing to the local society at each arterly business meeting, and an annual report at the busi- ss meeting in March.

4. The treasurer shall receive all funds of the society d transmit the same, except the local contingent, to the anch treasurer. She shall submit quarterly reports to the anch treasurer which shall reach her not later than June , September 20, December 20, and March 20, also the nual report not later than March 20, when the books of e branch treasurer close. She shall present a report in iting to the local society at each quarterly business meet- g, also an annual report at the business meeting in March. e shall present a report in writing to each quarterly con- ence. Her books shall be audited annually.

5. The secretary of literature shall seek to create and ster an interest in missions by means of missionary lit-

erature, pictures, etc. She shall select and purchase mi sionary literature during the year, secure the largest nu ber of subscriptions possible to the Evangel, urge the use a mission study course and be a member of the program co mittee.

She shall send quarterly reports to the branch secreta of literature which shall reach her not later than June 2 September 20, December 20, March 20, also an annual repo not later than March 20. She shall present a report writing to the local society at each quarterly business mee ing, and an annual report at the business meeting in Marc

6. The secretary of thank-offering shall endeavor carry out in the local society the plans suggested for th department. She shall urge the use of the thank-offeri boxes. She shall send an annual report to the thank-offeri secretary of the branch, which shall reach her not lat than March 20. She shall present a report in writing the local society at each quarterly business meeting, and annual report at the business meeting in March.

7. The collectors shall visit the women of the churc solicit members, collect monthly dues, also special fun They shall work under the direction of the treasurer a shall pay all moneys to the treasurer before each quarte business meeting. They shall present a report in writi at each quarterly business meeting.

Article VII.—Meetings.

The local society shall hold meetings once a month. T quarterly business meetings shall be held in June, Septemb December, and March, at which time the reports of office shall be heard and the business of the society transact Necessary items of business may be transacted at any me ing.

The annual meeting shall be in March, at which time t officers, also three delegates and three alternates to t branch convention shall be elected by ballot.

SECTION IV.

OTTERBEIN GUILD CONSTITUTION.

Article I.—Name.

'his society shall be called the ——————— Chapter
he Otterbein Guild of ——————— Church, ———————
nch of the Women's Missionary Association of the
rch of the United Brethren in Christ.

Article II.—Object.

'he object of this society shall be to enlist young women
the cause of missions, to lead them to personal consecra-
, to disseminate missionary knowledge, and to raise
ds to be applied to any work undertaken by this depart-
t of the Women's Missionary Association.

Article III.—Membership.

. Any young unmarried woman may become a member
the payment of six cents per month, the annual total
e divided as follows: 60 cents to general fund, 12 cents
branch contingent.

. The chapter shall provide for all expenses connected
h the work of the chapter through a local contingent fund.

. All members are invited to sign the covenant.

. The payment of $10 at one time, or by installments
hin five years, shall constitute a life membership.*
'he payment of $25 at one time, or by installments with-
five years, shall constitute a life directorship.*
'he payment of $100 at one time, or by installments
hin five years, shall constitute a life patronship.*

. Life patrons shall be full members of the board of
nagers, life directors shall be advisory members of the
e. Life patrons and life directors shall be full mem-
s, and life members shall be advisory members of the
nch within whose bounds they reside. These privileges
accorded only to those who pay annual dues.

Article IV.—Officers.

'he officers of this society shall be a president, a vice-
sident, a secretary, a treasurer, a secretary of literature,
secretary of thank-offering, and two or more collectors,

*A certificate shall be given at the time of payment in full,
this certificate shall not exempt from annual dues.

who shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting in March.

Article V.—Patroness.

A patroness shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting. She shall be a member of the local society if one exists, otherwise any missionary leader, and shall be an advisory member of the executive committee of the chapter.

Article VI.—Executive Committee.

The officers of the chapter including the patroness shall constitute the executive committee, whose duty it shall be to supervise and plan the work of the chapter. They shall endeavor to interest and enlist all the girls and young women in the church in the work. The president shall be chairman of this committee.

Article VII.—Duties of Officers.

1. The president shall preside at all meetings of the chapter and supervise its general interests. She shall be *ex officio* a member of all standing committees of the chapter, and shall present in writing a report to each quarterly conference.

2. The vice-president shall co-operate with and aid the president in every possible way to carry out the plans of the chapter. She shall be a member of the program committee and shall preside in the absence of the president, or upon request.

3. The secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of each meeting and the meetings of the executive committee. She shall keep a record of the names of the members, also a separate record of the names of life members, life directors, and life patrons. She shall send quarterly reports to the branch secretary of the Otterbein Guild, which shall reach her not later than June 20, September 20, December 20, March 20, also an annual report not later than March 20. She shall present a report in writing to the chapter at each quarterly business meeting and an annual report at the business meeting in March.

4. The treasurer shall receive all funds of the chapter and transmit the same, except the local contingent, to the branch treasurer. She shall submit quarterly reports to the branch treasurer, which shall reach her not later than June 20, September 20, December 20, March 20, also the annual report not later than March 20, when the books of the

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The secretary of literature shall seek to create and er an interest in missions by means of missionary liter- e, pictures, etc. She shall select and purchase mission- literature during the year, secure the largest number ubscriptions possible to the Evangel, urge the use of the e and mission study courses, and be a member of the ram committee.

he shall send quarterly reports, also an annual report to branch secretary of literature, which shall reach her later than June 20, September 20, December 20, March and the annual report not later than March 20. She l present a report in writing to the chapter at each terly business meeting and an annual report to the ness meeting in March.

The secretary of thank-offering shall endeavor to carry in the chapter the plans suggested for this department. shall urge the use of the thank-offering boxes. She shall an annual report to the thank-offering secretary of the ıch, which shall reach her not later than March 20. She l present a report in writing to the chapter at each terly business meeting, and an annual report at the ness meeting in March.

The collectors shall visit the girls and young women he church, solicit members, collect monthly dues, also ial funds. They shall work under the direction of the surer and shall pay all moneys to the treasurer before quarterly business meeting. They shall present a report riting at each quarterly business meeting.

Article VIII.—Meetings.

he chapter shall hold a regular meeting once a month. quarterly business meetings shall be held in June, Sep- ber, December, and March, at which time the reports of officers shall be heard and the business of the society sacted. Necessary items of business may be transacted ny meeting.

he annual meeting shall be held in March, at which time officers, also two delegates and two alternates to the ch convention, shall be elected by ballot.

CHAPTER XX.

WOMEN'S AID SOCIETY.

CONSTITUTION.

Article I.—Organization.

WHEN at any time an opportunity presents itself for t organization of a sufficient number of women (who a members or friends of the Church of the United Brethr in Christ) into a society for mutual aid in promoting t spiritual, social, financial, and intellectual interests of congregation or charge, it shall be the duty of the past or the conference superintendent of the district to c together the women of the congregation or charge, and, aft securing the names of all present wishing to become me bers of the organization, he shall proceed to organize, having elected by ballot a president, vice-president, sec tary, and treasurer, whose duties shall be those usual devolving upon such officers.

Article II.—Name.

This organization shall be known as the Women's A Society of the Church of the United Brethren in Chri at ————————.

Article III.—Annual Election.

The officers of this society shall be elected by ballot a nually at the last meeting preceding the session of t annual conference, and the officers elect shall assume t duties of their offices at the first meeting succeeding t session of the annual conference, at which time the secreta shall turn over to the secretary-elect all books and pape belonging to the society, and the treasurer shall make sett ment with and turn over to the treasurer-elect all fun belonging to the society.

The president and treasurer of this society, when membe of the Church, shall be members of the quarterly conferen

Article IV.—Membership.

Any woman of good standing, friendly to the work of Church of the United Brethren in Christ, may become nember of the society.

Article V.—Meetings.

The regular meetings of the society shall be at least once ch month, and oftener when any interest demands it.

The meetings shall always open and close with devotional ercises, and the deliberations shall be conducted according the usages of the Church.

In case of the absence of the president and vice-president, secretary shall call the meeting to order, and proceed the election of a president *pro tem.*, whose official acts ll be valid.

Article VI.—Dues.

Each member of the society shall pay into the treasury the same the regular monthly dues agreed upon by the ciety, and in case a member shall fail to pay for six con-cutive months, unless unable to do so, her name may be ised from the roll of the society.

Article VII.—Disbursement of Funds.

All moneys collected on dues, or otherwise, by the society all be used for the benefit of the congregation, or charge, for any benevolent purpose, as the society may direct.

Article VIII.—Christian Visitation.

In order to promote the work of Christianity among the milies under our influence, the members of the society ay arrange to have all such families visited at least once month, by dividing the homes to be visited into districts d one or two go to each home, look after the sick, invite rsons to the various services of the church, and report to e pastor or leader all persons whose interest demands im-ediate attention.

This work is not to be substituted for the visitation of the stor or leaders, but is meant to aid them in their work.

CHAPTER XXI.

Church Erection Society.

CONSTITUTION.

Article I.—Name.

This society shall be known as the Church Erection S ciety of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, wit headquarters in Dayton, Ohio, its corporate name being th Church Erection Society of the United Brethren in Christ.

Article II.—Membership.

All members of the United Brethren Church shall members of this society; further, any person paying $1,00 at one time, or in four annual payments of $250 each, sha be an advisory life director. The secretary shall prepa and furnish to such advisory life directors a certificate evidence of such directorship, signed by the president an secretary.

Article III.—Object.

The object of this society shall be to procure desirab lots in strategic centers for locations for churches and pa sonages, and to assist congregations in locating and erecti houses of worship and parsonages.

Article IV.—Officers.

The officers of this society shall consist of nine trustee at least four of whom shall be laymen, who shall be elect by the General Conference. The board of bishops sha select one of the bishops, who by such selection shall be o of the nine trustees aforesaid.

The general Church Erection secretary shall be the ex cutive officer of this society, and its funds shall be handl by the general Church treasurer.

The trustees of this society shall meet immediately up adjournment of the General Conference upon the call of t general secretary, and organize by electing a president an a vice-president and secretary of the board.

Article V.—Meetings.

The annual meeting of the board of trustees shall be held at such time and place as the board itself may decide. Other meetings may be held at such time and place as may be designated by the president and general secretary. Five of the members shall constitute a quorum.

Article VI.—Duties of Officers.

1. The president shall preside at all meetings of the board, and perform all duties usual to the office. In the absence of the president, the vice-president shall preside.

2. The general secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the board, conduct its correspondence, and devote himself to the work of securing funds and otherwise attending to the interests of the society as the board may direct. He shall submit an annual report to the board of trustees and a quadrennial report to the General Conference. The salary of such secretary shall be fixed by the General Conference.

3. The treasurer shall hold the funds of the society subject to the order of the board.

4. The board of trustees shall hold annual meetings, appoint an executive committee of not less than five, make by-laws to regulate its business, loan money to churches, appropriate money to defray incidental expenses, and publish such matter from time to time as the cause may require. It shall be the duty of the board of trustees, in case of vacancy in the office of secretary, from death, resignation, or otherwise, to appoint his successor as soon as practicable, who shall serve till the following General Conference.

Article VII.—Branch Societies.

1. Each annual conference of the Church is hereby constituted a branch of the general society and shall elect a board of trustees of not less than five of its members. This board shall organize by electing a president, secretary, and treasurer. It shall also adopt rules of regulation for its government in harmony with the rules and government of the general board. The branch secretary and treasurer shall submit annual reports to their conference boards and to the secretary of the general board by April first of each year.

2. The board of trustees, in conjunction with the conference superintendent, may take charge of the property of the church which becomes vacant and control the same so as to subserve the best interests of the conference.

Article VIII.—Receipts of Treasurer.

The general Church treasurer shall receipt for all money sent him by the various conference treasurers.

Article IX.—Application for Loans.

1. When a loan from Church Erection is desired, the quarterly conference or official board so desiring it shall be called together for the purpose of voting whether or not application shall be made. If the vote be favorable, the application shall be sent to the conference board of trustees for its approval, and upon such approval the conference board of trustees shall make application to the general secretary of the general Church Erection Society.

2. Where there is no local church, the conference branch society shall act in lieu thereof.

Article X.—Granting of Loans.

1. The board shall make no appropriations where there is reasonable prospect that the church asking aid can succeed without it, or where there is no prospect of gathering a good church membership.

2. Funds shall not be loaned to any church until the church property is secured by deed as provided for in the Discipline; nor shall loans be made to churches until their trustees have forwarded an abstract of the title of their property, certificate of release of all mechanics' liens and other incumbrances, and their notes, secured by the first mortgage on the premises properly recorded in the records of the courts, for the inspection of the board of managers, or executive committee.

3. A record of all loans placed by the general board on churches and parsonages shall be kept by the secretary of the branch society in conferences where such churches and parsonages are located.

4. The branch society shall assist the general board in promptly securing the return of all loans as they become due on churches and parsonages within its jurisdiction; and the secretary of each conference branch society shall report

the outstanding Church Erection loans within his territory at each session of the annual conference.

Article XI.—Duty of the Ministry.

1. Each pastor shall present the interests of church erection to his people during the year, and distribute such literature as may be furnished by the secretary and board of managers.

2. The conference superintendent shall direct attention to the interests of the society at quarterly meetings, and shall advise with the pastors as to the best methods of securing the advancement of the church erection cause. They shall also interest themselves in securing special gifts and bequests from those who may be able to give.

Article XII.—Insurance.

The trustees of any church or parsonage which receives a loan from the Church Erection Society shall be required to secure said property from loss by fire in some reliable insurance company in favor of said Church Erection Society.

Article XIII.—Parsonage Fund.

The board of trustees may set aside a per cent. of the church erection funds for the erection of parsonages.

Article XIV.—Administration of Funds.

1. All moneys collected for the various funds of church erection shall be paid to the treasurer of the branch society who shall promptly remit the same to the general Church treasurer.

2. All special donations and bequests shall go direct to the treasurer of the general board.

Article XV.—Lot Fund.

1. Such amounts from the general funds of the society as shall from time to time be determined upon by the board of trustees, together with all funds contributed specially for such purpose, shall constitute a lot fund.

2. This fund shall be used for purchasing desirable lots in strategic towns and cities of the various conferences

where we have no churches. Said lots may be gifts to the local churches that may be organized in such places, but the deeds of conveyance shall contain a clause providing that if the same is not used for church purposes, or becomes abandoned by the local church, said lots thereupon shall revert to the general Church Erection Society.

CHAPTER XXII.

Printing Establishment and Church Publications.

Section I.

PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT.

Name.

1. This establishment shall be called the Printing Estab-
shment of the United Brethren in Christ.

Election of Officers.

2. The controlling authority herein granted shall be
ested in the General Conference of said Church, whose
ity it shall be to elect the necessary agents and editors,
nd fix their salaries, and make or amend such rules as in
s judgment it may deem expedient.

Trustees—Election and Duties.

3. The General Conference shall elect a board of nine
rustees to serve for four years, or until their successors are
ected, at least five of whom shall be residents of the
tate of Ohio, and at least three of whom shall be residents
f Dayton or its vicinity.

4. The board of trustees thus elected shall, during the
nterval of the General Conferences, take the oversight of
he Printing Establishment. They shall meet annually,
r oftener if need be, in the publishing house in Dayton,
hio, on the call of their president. They shall also select
local committee of three of their number, from among
hose residing in Dayton or vicinity.

5. The local committee shall take the oversight of the
stablishment during the intervals of the meetings of the
oard of trustees. It shall meet monthly, or oftener if
eed be, and shall have power to order expenses curtailed
n any department of the publishing house; and, should
here arise a difference of opinion between the agent and
he editor of any of the publications as to what shall appear
n the columns of any paper, the committee shall decide
he matter; it shall also decide what books that have been
pproved by the book committee shall be published by the

house, and transact such other business as may come be fore it.

6. The board of trustees shall have full power at an meeting to discontinue any periodical when the interests o the Church or Printing Establishment demand it: suc action, however, shall not be taken except by a two-third vote of the board; and then the office and salary of th editor or editors shall cease.

7. It shall be the duty of the trustees to see that th agent and editors properly and faithfully discharge thei duties. In case of dereliction of duty, they may suspend th delinquent party or parties from office until the Genera Conference; provided, however, that no one shall be sus pended until a copy of the complaints in writing has bee presented to the accused, and an opportunity given fo defense before the board of trustees.

8. The trustees may make any by-laws which may seem to them expedient for the regulation of the minor concern of the Printing Establishment, provided they are not incon sistent with any General Conference rule.

9. The editors, publishing agent, and trustees are author ized to make such changes and improvements in our litera ture during the quadrennium as may be necessary, and als to adjust any discrepancies between the periodicals in size and price.

Duties of Publishing Agent.

10. It shall be the duty of the agent to supervise and manage the business of the Printing Establishment, under the direction of the board of trustees; to regulate the publications and all other affairs of the house, except that which pertains to the editorial departments, in such manner as the interests of the Church may require. He shall also furnish to the local committee, at each monthly meeting, a full and satisfactory statement of all the business transactions of the previous month; and, if desired by the committee, he shall present for examination all books, vouchers, and papers, and afford the committee every means and facility for a full and intelligent understanding of the business of the publishing house. He shall keep separate accounts with each department of the business, and also each periodical published, and carry into effect all of the instructions of the board of trustees and local committee.

11. The agent and local committee shall annually take ı account of stock, including in the inventory all the ssets, of whatever nature, of the Printing Establishment : their estimated cash value, except the real estate, which ıall be appraised by the local committee of the board of ustees at the end of each quadrennium, and the valuation ıall not be changed prior to the close of the succeeding ıadrennium except by the purchase, sale, improvement, destruction of property. Such inventory shall also con- in a full and detailed statement of all liabilities, profits, ıd losses. In making this financial exhibit, two separate ıd distinct accounts shall be kept. One shall be a com- ete financial account of the Printing Establishment proper, cated on Fifth Street, Dayton, Ohio. The other shall be a mplete account of the fiscal condition of the real estate at e corner of Fourth and Main streets, Dayton, Ohio, setting rth separately each piece of property owned or controlled the publishing house. The agent and board of trustees all have full control of credits and collections.

12. The agent shall prepare and publish a report of the ndition of the Printing Establishment annually in the eligious Telescope, and shall also make a report to the eneral Conference. He shall make arrangements for *ver- tim* reports of the proceedings of the General Conference r publication.

Vacancies.

13. Should any vacancy occur in any of the offices of e Printing Establishment, or in the board of trustees, the ustees shall fill such vacancy until the sitting of the suc- eding General Conference.

Employment of Time.

14. No editor or officer employed in the Printing Estab- hment shall accept any office or engage in any business hich will interfere with the duties of his office.

Proceeds.

15. The profits of the Printing Establishment, after a fficient capital to carry on the business is retained, shall applied to the benefit of traveling and worn-out itinerant eachers and their widows and orphans.

SECTION II.

CHURCH PUBLICATIONS.

Book Committee.

1. The book committee shall be composed of the edit of the Religious Telescope, editor of the Watchword, edit of the Sabbath-school literature, the professor of theology Bonebrake Theological Seminary, and the publishing age The latter shall receive all manuscripts and have power call the committee, and without the sanction of the bo committee no book shall be published in the name of t Church or publishing house during the interval of t General Conferences. The agent and local committee sh select a book editor.

Authorship of Doctrinal Publications.

2. No one of our preachers or laymen shall become t author of any doctrinal book or pamphlet, in a print form, in the name of the Church, without the approbati of the book committee or an annual conference, or of committee chosen by the latter. If any preacher or laym violates this rule, he shall be accountable to the class or the quarterly or annual conference, as the case may be.

CHAPTER XXIII.

EDUCATION.

SECTION I.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Article I.—Constitution.

ıe Board of Education of the Church of the United hren in Christ shall be composed of the following: The ɔps, *ex officio*, the presidents of our colleges, the presi- of Bonebrake Theological Seminary, and six laymen e elected for eight years, one half the laymen to be elected ny General Conference; provided that, at the confer- of 1917, three shall be elected for four years and three eight years. Seven members of the board shall consti- a quorum.

There shall be a general secretary of education, elected ıe General Conference.

Article II.—Organization.

The officers of the board, in addition to the general etary, shall be a president and vice-president, who shall elected by the board at the first session immediately the adjournment of General Conference, and these ers shall hold office until the next General Conference.

The general secretary of education, under the direc- of the board, shall conduct the correspondence, keep the rds, and in all his official conduct shall be subject to the ority and control of the board. His time shall be en- y employed in conducting the affairs of the board and ıoting its objects by making educational investigations. raveling in its interests, by visiting the schools of the rch and lending assistance to the officers thereof, by ing educational addresses, by soliciting funds and stu- s for the schools of the Church, by compiling statis- and other information for the uses of the board, and by orming such other labors as will assist the existing ols of the denomination and those hereafter established

to a higher degree of efficiency, and perform such o
duties as the board may from time to time require.

3. There shall be at least one session of the board e
year. Special meetings of the board may be called by
president, upon the request of five members.

4. In the case of a vacancy occurring in the board,
death or otherwise, the board shall have power to fill
vacancy, the election to be by ballot, and the person ele
to hold office until the next meeting of the General C
ference.

Article III.—Executive Committee and By-Laws.

The board shall have power to appoint an execu
committee from its own membership, and take such o
measures to accomplish the object of its creation as s
not be inconsistent with this constitution.

Article IV.—Work of the Board.

1. To assist in every way the cause of higher
cation in the Church, to awaken and stimulate an inte
in this important work throughout the borders of our Z
to encourage and aid our educational institutions that
striving to bring the Church to greater efficiency, an
unite the friends of education in their efforts, that gre
unity of plan may be secured, and the forces of the Ch
combined to give our people advantages commensurate
the needs of the present day.

2. To seek by the publication of tracts, pamphlets,
dresses, or books upon educational questions, to di
among our members a more general knowledge of the
of a sanctified education and of a well-instructed mini
and thereby awaken in them a better appreciation of
institutions of learning and of the obligations resting
them to give of their substance for their support.

3. To make an annual report of the general and fi
cial condition of the colleges and other educational ins
tions of the Church; to make such recommendations to
managers of these institutions as will tend to make
more effective.

4. This board shall determine the number of col
and academies, and the standards for the various grad
institutions of learning and the co-operating territor
each. In the readjustment of co-operating territor

ıg institutions, the board shall seek such an equitable ment as may be satisfactory to the conferences and ıtions concerned.

The board shall determine the standard of colleges grant the bachelor degree. The remainder of our s may be junior colleges or academies or may be disued, at the discretion of the board. The junior coland academies shall co-operate with the standard s in course of study, in students, and in every way posn their respective districts. The courses of study grade schools shall co-ordinate as far as possible, upon the minimum of units as outlined by the board. No church school shall be established, discontinued, ed, or consolidated with another without the consent board, by a two-thirds vote of the entire board.

The board, through its secretary, shall make to the l Conference a report of all the work done during ceding four years, including money received by collecbequests, or otherwise, the amount paid out, and the es for which it was paid. The board may propose General Conference, from time to time, such plans nay consider useful or necessary for the success of rk committed to it.

Article V.—Amendments.

ddition or amendments to the provisions of this ıtion shall be made except by consent of a majority nembers of the General Conference present at any of ions. Notice of any proposed addition or amendall be given at least one day previous to its consid-

Article VI.—Education Fund.

here shall be an education fund under the control board, to be raised by the secretary and members of rd, in the form of cash, gifts, death notes, bequests, is fund shall be appropriated at the discretion of d.

accomplish the work of the Board of Education, an offering may be taken, or, if the board thinks best, ınt to be raised by the various conferences may be ned according to the judgment of the board and in vith the decision of the Board of Administration.

The funds thus raised shall be sent to the conference chu treasurer.

Article VII.—Annual-Conference Board.

There shall be a board of education in each annual c ference, which shall report annually to the annual con ence. The number of members of this board, the method their election, and their organization shall be determined the general Board of Education. This board shall act in operation with the general board in developing our edu tional interests within its territory. The local instituti and this board shall work in harmony.

Section II.

Beneficiary Aid.

Article I.—Beneficiary Aid Fund.

The Board of Education shall raise funds by collect donation, or bequest, to aid by loan, without interest, as executive committee may determine, in educating, in their collegiate and theological courses, worthy young sons who are preparing themselves for the work of the go ministry, or as missionaries in the United Brethren Chur provided, however, that the board shall have power to rec money and use it for other educational purposes, as do may direct.

Article II.—Recommendations for Aid.

Young persons aided by this board must first be rec mended as suitable persons to receive aid by the confer in whose bounds they live, or to which they belong; o the board of Foreign Missions, when the applicant does reside within the bounds of any conference; or by an cational committee appointed by the conference, to w all requests for aid, not acted upon by conference, or w shall occur during the interim of its sessions, shall referred.

Article III.—Delinquents.

No person having received aid from the Board of Educa may be granted an honorable dismissal by his confer until he shall have made satisfactory settlement with board. The bishops are directed to enforce this provisi

SECTION III.

EDUCATION DAY.

here shall be observed annually in each congregation an ation day, at which time pastor and people shall give ial attention to the educational interests of the Church. churches and schools shall each year observe the day of er for students. The board of education shall promote day and secure special offerings for the work of the d.

SECTION IV.

ACADEMIES AND COLLEGES.

Article I.—Academies.

this day of excellent high schools in many parts of country, academies should be located judiciously, and d confine their literary courses of study to such hes of learning as will prepare for entrance upon the man or sophomore year of the best colleges. An acad- doing such work is greatly preferable to an inferior e. No new academy shall be undertaken with a less than fifty thousand dollars.

Article II.—Colleges.

The success of our church work is connected vitally the colleges of the Church. In these our youth are ped and equipped in mind and heart for the work of ve service to humanity. As to Christian education, vine Word aptly declares: "Wisdom is a defence, and is a defence; but the excellency of knowledge is, isdom giveth life to them that have it."

The ministry and laity should earnestly use their to have as many young people as possible attend our nstitutions of learning, and to encourage persons to berally of their means for the more thorough estab- nt and equipment of our educational institutions.

No college shall be founded except upon the demand imperative necessity, or with a less sum of money wo hundred thousand dollars, of which one hundred d dollars shall be a permanent and productive en- t, and whose title shall be in fee simple to the of the United Brethren in Christ.

4. It is recommended that the several presidents anc principals of our institutions of learning be *ex officio* mem bers of the local official bodies which govern the said insti tutions.

5. We direct that the endowment funds of our institu tions of learning be kept sacred for the purposes for whicl they were given, and not dissipated and jeopardized by loan to the contingent fund of the institutions and spent for cur rent expenses, and we recommend that these funds of ou institutions be not loaned to the members of the board, o officers or teachers of the institution, or others who ar personally interested in the care and safe-keeping of thes funds.

6. We cordially endorse and approve the best method c industrial education as applied in those institutions wher mechanical and other equipment is provided for this purpos and recommend that this practical training and self-hel be secured for those who desire it, as soon as practicabl

Article III.—College Extension Courses.

In view of the fact that many of our ministers an laymen who find it impossible to go away to school, woul be glad to pursue a course of study, and in view of th university and college movement now organized in most the schools of higher education in our land, we recommend

1. That all our colleges offer such non-resident cours of study as they may be able to teach, for the aid and e couragement of the above-named class of students.

2. That these students be examined thoroughly c their courses of study, and that suitable diplomas l awarded those who complete their work to the satisfactic of the respective colleges.

3. We recommend that our institutions of learning pr vide such instruction as prepare their students to becon leaders of song in church and Sunday school.

4. We recommend that our institutions of learning gi greater emphasis to the training of their young people f different phases of religious work.

SECTION V.

BONEBRAKE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Article I.—Object.

This institution of sacred learning, located in Dayto Ohio, is maintained by the United Brethren in Christ f

ne purpose of educating persons called of God to the work f the ministry and the spread of the gospel of Christ among ien. It shall be under the control of the General Conference of the United Brethren in Christ, by which its board f trustees shall be elected at each quadrennial session.

Article II.—Officers.

The officers of the seminary shall consist of a business anager and a board of trustees, who shall be elected by ie General Conference. The board of trustees shall be mposed of eighteen members, a majority of whom shall be sidents of the State of Ohio. The acting bishops shall be ected by the General Conference as members of said board.

Article III.—Duties of Trustees.

1. The board of trustees shall meet on the call of the nior bishop immediately after its election, and organize electing a president and secretary. The board of active shops shall act as vice-presidents in the order of their niority. It shall meet annually in the seminary building at Dayton, Ohio, elect a president and the necessary culty, review the work of the business manager and the culty, determine the salaries of the faculty, and adopt easures for the advancement of the interests of the institution.

2. The board of directors may fill any vacancy caused the resignation, removal, or refusal to serve of the business manager or trustees.

3. The board shall elect four persons who, together with e business manager, shall constitute the executive committee, which shall meet on call of the chairman and transt business for the institution in accord with the orders d plans of the board of trustees.

4. The board of trustees shall make a report of its work the General Conference, giving such facts in connection th the seminary as it may deem of importance.

Article IV.—Business Manager.

The business manager shall reside in Dayton, Ohio, d shall manage the assets under the direction of the ecutive committee, have charge of all the property, and nage the business of the institution. He shall solicit d, with the consent and approval of the board of trustees.

or executive committee, employ others to solicit con tributions to the seminary. In the name of the Bonebrak Theological Seminary, and under its corporate seal, the busi ness manager shall execute all deeds of transfer and othe legal documents which may be authorized by the board o directors or its executive committee. He shall report t the board of directors annually, and to the General Con ference quadrennially, an account of all receipts and expendi tures, together with any recommendations pertaining to th business interests of the institution.

Article V.—President's Report.

The president of the seminary shall make a quadrennia report concerning the standing and efficiency of the institu tion, its scholarships and library, together with any recom mendations pertaining to the scholastic work of the institu tion.

Article VI.—The Custodian of Funds.

The general Church treasurer shall receive and disburs on order the funds of the seminary.

Aticle VII.—Endowment and other Funds.

All moneys or values of any kind given to the sem nary as an endowment shall be held sacred as a permanen fund and securely invested, the interest only to be used i the maintenance of the seminary. All other funds shall b used as the interests of the seminary may require or as th donors may direct.

Article VIII.—Annual Income.

The annual apportionment and division of funds shall b by the Board of Administration, as outlined in the plan o finances of the Church (Chapter XV.).

Article IX.—Obligation of Faculty.

Each professor chosen to a chair in the seminary shal upon the day of his inauguration, publicly subscribe to th following declaration of faith and obligation:

I solemnly declare, in the presence of God and the officer of Bonebrake Theological Seminary, that I believe the Hol Scriptures, Old and New Testaments, to be the inspire Word of God, and, with the Holy Spirit, the only perfec rule of faith and practice. I believe the Confession o

aith, as contained in the thirteen articles in our Book of iscipline, to be a truthful consensus of the fundamental ctrines of the Bible. I believe that the system of church vernment, as presented in the Book of Discipline of the nited Brethren in Christ, is consistent with the teachings the sacred Scriptures, and I solemnly promise that I will t teach or insinuate anything that shall in any way be insistent with the foregoing declaration, or that is not in rmony with the Constitution and Confession of Faith d the rules of the Church as set forth in the Discipline the United Brethren in Christ. I also promise, by divine sistance, to the best of my ability, to sustain the docnes of the Holy Scriptures as thus set forth by the urch, in opposition to all forms of error, as long as I all remain a professor in this institution.

[Name] .....

Article X.—Entrance Examination.

The faculty shall require candidates for admission to the inary to pass any examinations deemed necessary to ermine their fitness; and arrange for examinations in respective conferences without expense to the candidates, vided that no person shall be permitted to enter the ular course of study who has not had a high school course its fair equivalent.

Article XI.—Postgraduate Studies.

The faculty may arrange postgraduate courses of reading cover one, two, or three years, for the successful comple- of which appropriate seals shall be placed upon the lomas of alumni. The examination shall be by corresdence, or otherwise, as the faculty may arrange.

CHAPTER XXIV.

GENERAL CHURCH TREASURY.

The General Conference shall elect a general Chur treasurer, who shall be the treasurer of the board trustees of the Church of the United Brethren in Chri and who shall receive and disburse, on order, the funds the Home Missionary Society, the Foreign Missionary S ciety, Church Erection Society, the board of control the Sunday School, Brotherhood and Young People's wo the Board of Education, General Conference expense fu Bonebrake Theological Seminary fund, and other benevole funds of the Church. Said treasurer shall give bond f the faithful performance of his duty, the bond to be fix by the board of bishops and the salary by the Gene Conference.

CHAPTER XXV.

EVANGELISM.

THE GENERAL COMMISSION ON EVANGELISM.

1. There shall be a general Commission on Evangelism, nsisting of the board of bishops and the secretary of the ome Mission board, members *ex-officio*, and three ministers d three laymen to be elected by the General Conference. The work of this commission shall be: First, to arrange r the employment and support of evangelists to work in the hurch at large, and to provide and send out such literature will arouse a greater interest in this department. Second, give careful and studied attention to the character and ness of the men of this denomination who desire to do the ork of an evangelist, and to furnish reliable information ncerning the same to the commission on evangelism of the derated Churches of Christ in America, and to evangelistic mmittees and pastors desiring evangelistic help.

CONFERENCE AND LOCAL ORGANIZATION.

2. Each annual conference shall have an evangelistic mmittee consisting of the conference superintendent, or perintendents, and the superintendents' council, which shall ve the oversight of evangelistic work in the annual conference.

3. There shall be a committee of three or more in each cal church who, in conjunction with the pastor, shall constute a local evangelistic committee, of which the pastor all be the chairman. It shall be the duty of this comttee to arouse an evangelistic spirit in the local church, d, if possible, to enlist every member of the society in ul winning. This committee shall take an annual census the locality in which the church is situated, and tabulate e result for the use of the church and Sunday school.

CLASSIFICATION OF EVANGELISTS.

4. Two classes of evangelists are to be recognized, as llows: First, Evangelists-at-large, who may work indendently or under the direction of the general evangelistic mmission. Second, conference evangelists, employed by the

annual conference at a stated salary to be provided for by the annual conference.

No person shall be recognized as an evangelist who has not been approved by his annual conference. Any one desiring the relation of evangelist-at-large must be approved by his annual conference, or superintendents' council, and receive credentials from the general Commission on Evangelism.

5. Before any evangelist, other than those of our own Church, shall be invited to conduct meetings in any of our local churches, he must be endorsed by the bishop of the district and the superintendent of the conference.

CHAPTER XXVI.

Preachers' Pension Fund.

A pension fund shall be provided for the purpose of aiding perannuated ministers in the Church of the United Breth- n in Christ and ministers' widows.

The Board of Administration shall conduct a great pension nd campaign for meeting the immediate needs of those en- led to payments from this fund. This board shall also minister the fund thus secured.

CHAPTER XXVII.

Homes and Orphanages.

1. The Quincy United Brethren Orphanage and Home, located at Quincy, Franklin County, Pa.; the Otterbein Home, located near Lebanon, Warren County, Ohio; the Colonel R. M. Baker Home, located at Otterbein, Los Angeles County, California, are recognized as sustaining well-defined relations to the Church as general institutions.

2. The territory which shall co-operate with the Quincy United Brethren Orphanage and Home shall comprise Allegheny, Erie, Pennsylvania, East Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, East Tennessee, and Florida conferences; all other territory to co-operate with the Otterbein Home, except the Oregon, Columbia River, and California conferences which may co-operate with the Colonel R. M. Baker Home at its request.

3. The General Conference shall elect trustees for the Quincy United Brethren Orphanage and Home and the Otterbein Home from their respective territories. The California Conference shall elect trustees for the Colonel R. M. Baker Home.

4. The boards of trustees shall adopt such plans and rules as may be necessary for the management of said institutions, provided such plans and rules are in harmony with the Discipline of the Church.

5. It shall be the duty of the board of bishops to present the above interests to each of the respective annual conferences co-operating, and to urge a free-will offering at Christmas, or some other suitable time, each year, and to encourage solicitations of funds within the bounds of their districts.

6. In order to secure the best results from concentration, no similar institution may be established without the approval of the General Conference.

CHAPTER XXVIII.

Historical Society.

Section I.

GENERAL CONFERENCE APPROVAL.

1. The Historical Society of the Church of the United rethren in Christ, located in Dayton, Ohio, having for its ject the collecting and preserving of papers, records, oks, and other materials bearing upon the history of the urch, has the recognition of the General Conference.

2. Said society shall, through its officers, make quadnnial reports to the General Conference.

Section II.

CONSTITUTION.

Article I.—Name.

The name of this society shall be the Historical Society the Church of the United Brethren in Christ.

Article II.—Object.

Its object shall be to collect and preserve information connection with the rise and progress of the Church of United Brethren in Christ; also, objects of curiosity d interest, in the form of manuscripts, books, pamphlets, dals, portraits, etc.

Article III.—Location.

The business headquarters, the museum, and library of society shall be located in Dayton, Ohio.

Article IV.—Members.

1. Any person approved by the board of managers may ome a member upon the payment of an initiatory fee one dollar, and may retain membership by contributing dollar annually thereafter. In case of failure to pay s within six months after they are due, membership shall forfeited.

2. Any person approved by the board of managers may, the payment of ten dollars, become a life member, and ll be exempt from the payment of the annual fee.

3. The board of managers shall have power to appoint a corresponding member within each of the annual conferences of the Church; but, at the request of the board of managers, a corresponding member may be elected by an annual conference. Other corresponding members may be elected by the board, at their option.

4. Any person considered worthy of the honor may be elected by the board of managers to honorary membership, without fees.

Article V.—Officers.

1. The officers shall consist of a president, first, second and third vice-presidents, secretary, librarian, and a board of managers consisting of these officers and eight other members. The general Church treasurer is, by enactment of General Conference, the treasurer of the society.

2. These officers shall be elected at each regular annual meeting, and shall serve until their successors have been duly elected.

3. The election of officers shall be conducted by ballot unless there be but one nomination, in which case the election may be by acclamation.

4. In voting by ballot, no votes shall be counted except those votes cast by members present at the meeting, for persons nominated, and a majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to election.

5. The board of managers shall have power to fill vacancies.

Article VI.—Duties and Privileges of Members.

1. It shall be the duty of members of every class to promote the interests of the society in every way possible by securing for the society such information and such articles as will be of value in accomplishing the purpose of the organization.

2. Annual and life members shall be entitled to all the privileges of the society, including admission to the museum and library. Corresponding and honorary members shall be entitled to admission to the museum and library.

Article VII.—Duties of Officers.

1. The duties of the president, vice-presidents, secretary and treasurer shall be such as are usually performed by these officers.

2. The librarian shall be the custodian of the prop-
rty of the society, and shall manage it according to the
ules adopted by the board of managers.

3. The board of managers shall have charge of all the
nterests of the society in the interim of the annual
eetings. They shall meet quarterly. Special meetings
ay be called by the president. Five shall constitute a
uorum.

4. The treasurer, librarian, and board of managers shall
ender reports to the society at the annual meeting.

Article VIII.—Property.

All the property of the society, except its funds, shall be
eposited in a room or rooms, provided for the purpose, and
all be open for the inspection of the members of the so-
ety and others, under such restrictions and regulations as
ay be adopted by the board of managers; and in no case
all any article of any kind be removed from the museum
depository, except by order of the board of managers,
d then only for a limited time. The depository shall con-
in, under the same restrictions and regulations, for the
nefit of the members, a library, to be formed as rapidly
circumstances will permit.

Article IX.—Funds.

1. All funds, after necessary expenses are paid, shall be
propriated to the enlargement and preservation of the
iseum and library.

2. All bequests of money made to the society shall be
nded under the direction of the board of managers, and
e interest thereof used for ordinary expenses.

Article X.—Meetings.

The society shall meet annually for the purpose of elect-
officers and transacting other necessary business. Twen-
five shall constitute a quorum. The time of meeting of the
iety and the board shall be determined by the board.

Article XI.—Amendments.

This constitution may be amended at any regular meet-
by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided
t the proposed amendment shall have been previously
proved by the board of managers, and published in the
ligious Telescope.

PART VI

Boundaries

CHAPTER XXIX.

Bishops' Districts.[1]

I. East District.

Allegheny, East Pennsylvania, East Tennessee, Erie, Florida, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.

II. Central District.

East Ohio, Kentucky, Miami, Ohio German, Sandusky, Southeast Ohio, and West Tennessee.

III. Northwest District.

Indiana, Lower Wabash, Michigan, Minnesota, Northern Illinois, St. Joseph, White River, and Wisconsin.

IV. Southwest District.

Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, and Oklahoma.

V. Pacific District.

California, Columbia River, Montana, and Oregon.

VI. Foreign District.

China, Japan, Philippines, West Africa, and Porto Rico.

[1]By order of the General Conference each active bishop is required to reside within the bounds of his own district.

CHAPTER XXX.

Conferences and Districts.

Article I.—Domestic Conferences.

The boundaries of the conferences and districts shall be as ollows:

ALLEGHENY.

1. Beginning at the southwest corner of Mercer County, Pennsylvania: thence along the southern line of Mercer and Venango counties to Clarion County; thence north along he eastern line of Venango County to Warren County; hence along the southern line of Warren, McKean, and Potter counties; thence north along the eastern line of Pot-er County to the New York State line; thence along the State line between New York and Pennsylvania to the north branch of the Susquehanna River; thence along the west ine of the East Pennsylvania and Pennsylvania confer-nces to the State of Maryland; thence along the south line f the State of Pennsylvania to the southwest corner of the State; thence along the State line to the place of beginning.

CALIFORNIA.

2. California Conference embraces the State of Cali-ornia.

COLORADO.

3. Colorado Conference includes the States of Colorado, Wyoming, and Utah.

COLUMBIA RIVER.

4. Beginning on the northern boundary of the State of Washington; thence south along the Cascade Mountains to he Columbia River; thence up the Columbia River to the nouth of the John Day River; thence south along said river o its source; thence east to the Oregon line, including all he territory of Washington and Oregon east of the line bove given, and also the State of Idaho.

EAST OHIO.

5. Beginning at the northeast corner of the State of Ohio; thence south along the State line and the Ohio River to Marietta; thence up the Muskingum River to a point opposite the northwest corner of Noble County, Ohio; then due east to said northeast corner of Noble County; thence north along the east line of Muskingum and Guernsey counties, Ohio; thence west along the north line of Muskingum and Licking counties, Ohio, to the east line of Delaware County, Ohio; thence west from this point to Delaware, Ohio; thence north along the eastern boundary of Sandusky Conference to Sandusky City, Ohio; thence eastward along the northern boundary of the State of Ohio to the place of beginning.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

6. Beginning at the northeast boundary of the State of New Jersey on the Atlantic Coast; thence along the said boundary line and the Delaware River to the northern boundary of Pennsylvania; thence westward along said boundary to the north branch of the Susquehanna River; thence along said river to the junction of the north and west branches of the Susquehanna River; thence southward along the east shore of the Susquehanna River and the Chesapeake Bay to the Atlantic Ocean; thence northward along the Atlantic Coast to the place of beginning. Said conference shall be the legal successor of Eastern Conference and East Pennsylvania Conference. All rights, interests, bequests, and obligations of said conferences shall inhere in the said East Pennsylvania Conference.

EAST TENNESSEE.

7. East Tennessee Conference embraces all the territory in Tennessee lying east of the Cumberland Mountains, and the counties of Lea, Scott, and Washington in the State of Virginia.

ERIE.

8. Beginning on the shore of Lake Erie, at the northwest corner of the State of Pennsylvania; thence south along the State line between Ohio and Pennsylvania to the southwest corner of Mercer County, Pennsylvania; thence east with the line as described in the bounding of Allegheny Conference to the New York State line, and including the State of New York and all that part of Pennsylvania em-

raced within the above-described limits; provided, that
rangeville Circuit be included in Erie Conference.

FLORIDA.

9. Florida Conference embraces all the States of Georgia
nd Florida.

INDIANA.

10. Indiana Conference shall embrace all the territory in
ndiana south of the following line: Beginning at the north-
est corner of Sullivan County, thence due east to the
est boundary of Bartholomew County; thence southeast to
olumbus; thence eastward by way of Big Four Railroad
Greensburg, thence southeast by said railroad to the
outhwest corner of Franklin County; thence east along
aid county line to the Ohio State line.
Lewis class in Vigo County, Briley and Middlebury classes
Clay County, and Beech in Owen County are hereby
laced in Indiana Conference, and Columbus charge is to be
White River Conference.

IOWA.

11. Iowa Conference embraces all of the State of Iowa.

KANSAS.

12. Kansas Conference embraces all the State of Kansas.

KENTUCKY.

13. Kentucky Conference embraces all the State of Ken-
ucky, except Covington and Newport, which belong to
Miami Conference.

LOUISIANA.

14. Louisiana Conference embraces the States of Louisi-
na, Mississippi, and Alabama, excepting that part contigu-
us to West Tennessee Conference.

LOWER WABASH.

15. Beginning at the mouth of the Illinois River; thence
said river to the northwest corner of Green County,
ence along the northern lines of Green, Macoupin, and
ontgomery counties to the northeast corner of Montgomery
ounty, thence along a straight line across Christian Coun-

ty to the southwest corner of Macon County, thence along the south and east lines of Macon County, thence along the west and north lines of Platt County, thence along the west and north lines of Champaign County, thence along the west and north lines of Vermillion County to the Indiana State line. Cherry Grove and Dalton City churches to be in the Northern Illinois Conference.

MIAMI.

16. Beginning at the mouth of the Great Miami River; thence north along the western boundary of the State of Ohio, to the northwest corner of Darke County, Ohio; thence eastward along the Sandusky Conference line to Sidney, Ohio; thence to the east line of Champaign County, Ohio; thence southwest along the east line of the counties of Champaign, Clarke, and Green to the north line of Clinton County; thence west on the north line of Clinton County to the northeast corner of Warren County; thence south on the east line of Warren County to the north line of Clermont County; thence west on the north line of Clermont County to the east line of Hamilton County; thence south on the east line of Hamilton County to the Ohio River; thence down the Ohio River to the place of beginning; provided, that the cities of Newport and Covington, in the State of Kentucky, and the Rockdale Church, in the State of Indiana, shall belong to the Miami Conference.

MICHIGAN.

17. Michigan Conference embraces all the State of Michigan.

MINNESOTA.

18. Minnesota Conference embraces all of the State of Minnesota.

MISSOURI.

19. Missouri Conference embraces all the State of Missouri.

MONTANA.

20. Montana Conference is composed of the entire State of Montana, and that part of North Dakota which lies south and west of the Missouri River.

NEBRASKA.

21. Nebraska Conference includes all the States of Nebraska and South Dakota.

NEW MEXICO.

22. New Mexico Conference embraces all the State of New Mexico.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS.

23. Northern Illinois Conference embraces all the territory of the State of Illinois north of the line given as the northern boundary of the Lower Wabash Conference.

OHIO GERMAN.

24. Ohio German Conference embraces the States of Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, and Illinois. Permission is also granted to go into any of the Western States or Territories, where doors of usefulness may be open to labor among the German population.

OKLAHOMA.

25. Oklahoma Conference embraces all the territory within the State lines of Oklahoma, and any organized work in Texas.

OREGON.

26. Oregon Conference embraces in its territory all the States of Oregon and Washington not occupied by the Columbia River Conference.

PENNSYLVANIA.

27. Beginning at the mouth of the Juniata River; thence along said river westward to the crest of the Tuscarora Mountains; thence southward along the crest of said mountains to the State of Maryland; thence westward along the Pennsylvania and Maryland State lines to the northwest corner of Washington County, Maryland; thence southward along the western boundary of said county to the Potomac River; thence along said river to the Chesapeake Bay; thence eastward along the coast to the mouth of the Susquehanna River; thence northward along said river to the place of beginning.

ST. JOSEPH.

28. St. Joseph Conference embraces all territory north of the following-described line; Beginning at the southwest corner of Warren County; thence east on said county line to the Wabash River; thence up said river to the Tippecanoe County line; thence south to the Montgomery County line; thence east on said county line to Hamilton County; thence north to Howard County; thence east on Howard County line to Grant County; thence north on Grant County line to Wabash County; thence west and north on Wabash County line to the Wabash River; thence along the Wabash River to the Ohio State line. Howard Chapel and Independence are to belong to White River Conference. It hereby becomes legal successor to those parts of the divided Upper Wabash Conference that lie within these described lines.

SANDUSKY.

29. Beginning at Sandusky, Ohio; thence south along the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad to Shelby Junction; thence south and west along the Big Four Railroad to Delaware and Marysville, Ohio; thence west along the south line of Logan County to Sidney, Ohio; thence west on a straight line to the northeast corner of Darke County, Ohio; thence west to the west line of the State of Ohio; thence north along the State line to the northwest corner of the State line of Ohio; thence east to Sandusky, Ohio, the place of beginning. Sidney, Galion, Shelby, and Chicago, Ohio, to belong to the Sandusky Conference, and Ostrander and Union to belong to the Southeast Ohio Conference.

SOUTHEAST OHIO.

30. Beginning at Delaware, Ohio; thence along the boundary line of East Ohio Conference in a southeasterly direction to Marietta, Ohio; thence down the Ohio River to the east line of Hamilton County, Ohio; thence to the northwest corner of Clermont County; thence along the north line of Clermont County to the east line of Warren County, Ohio; thence northward on the east line of the counties of Warren, Greene, Clarke, and Champaign to the south line of Sandusky Conference; thence eastward along said line to Delaware, Ohio, the place of beginning.

VIRGINIA.

31. The Virginia Conference embraces the State of Virginia except the counties of Lea, Scott and Washington; also that part of West Virginia lying east of the west boundary lines of the counties of Grant and Pendleton of said State; also, Allegheny County, Maryland, and that part of Garrett County, Maryland, lying east of the boundary of West Virginia Conference. (The Swanton and Bethlehem churches to belong to West Virginia Conference.)

WEST TENNESSEE.

32. West Tennessee Conference embraces all the territory of the State of Tennessee lying west of the Cumberland Mountains; also contiguous work in Alabama.

WEST VIRGINIA.

33. Beginning with the summit of the Allegheny Mountains at the line between Pennsylvania and Maryland; thence along the summit of said mountains southwest to the Grant County line; thence along the west line of said county to Pendleton County; thence along the west line of said county to the Virginia State line; thence along the State line to the Kentucky State line; thence north to the Ohio River; thence with said river to the Pennsylvania State line; thence east on said line to the place of beginning.

WHITE RIVER.

34. White River Conference consists of all the territory in the State of Indiana lying between Indiana Conference and St. Joseph Conference, as defined under those heads.

WISCONSIN.

35. Wisconsin Conference embraces all the State of Wisconsin.

ENABLING ACTS.

By virtue of enabling acts the General Conference authorized the following changes subject to the approval of the conferences concerned:

1. The Lower Wabash and the Northern Illinois conferences to form a State-wide conference to be known as the Illinois Conference.

2. Indiana and White River conferences to unite into one conference.

3. That Arkansas be constituted a mission district when the work grows to three organized fields.

Article II.—Foreign Conferences.

CHINA.

The China Foreign Mission Conference embraces the territory occupied by the United Brethren missions in Southern China, with Canton as headquarters.

JAPAN.

The Japan Foreign Mission Conference embraces the territory occupied by the United Brethren missions in central portion of Japan, with Tokyo as headquarters.

PHILIPPINES.

The Philippine Foreign Mission Conference embraces the territory occupied by the United Brethren missions in Union Province and portions of adjacent sub-provinces, Philippine Islands.

PORTO RICO.

The Porto Rico Foreign Mission Conference embraces the territory occupied by the United Brethren Church in the Ponce District, Porto Rico.

WEST AFRICA.

The West Africa Foreign Mission Conference embraces the territory occupied by the United Brethren missions in Sierra Leone, West Africa.

PART VII

Formulas and Forms

CHAPTER XXXI.

FORMULAS.

SECTION I.

RECEPTION OF MEMBERS.

When at any meeting there are persons who desire to unite with the Church, the officiating minister shall call the applicants forward and address them as follows:

DEAR FRIENDS: Inasmuch as you present yourselves for admission into the Church of the United Brethren in Christ we rejoice with you that through the grace of God you have been brought to a knowledge of the truth and have been made partakers of his great salvation. The privileges you seek are above price, and the duties enjoined are solemn. It is proper that you publicly confess your faith and avow your purpose by answering the following questions:

Questions to applicants:

(1) Do you believe the Bible to be the Word of God, and that therein only is contained the knowledge of the way of salvation? If so, answer, "I do."

(2) Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and do you accept him as your personal Savior? If so, answer, "I do."

(3) Are you determined by the grace of God to follow Christ, renouncing the world and all ungodliness, seeking to lead a life of holiness and devotion to God and his cause? If so, answer, "I am."

(4) Are you willing to be governed by our Church Discipline? If so, answer, "I am."

(5) Will you contribute to the support of the gospel as God prospers you? If so, answer, "I will."

(6) Have you been baptized?

[If the answer to this question be in the negative, then the applicant shall be instructed to attend to the duty as soon as practicable.]

If the persons answer the above questions in the affirmative, and no lawful objections be made by any member, then

the preacher shall give his right hand to such persons as members of our Church. Then the members of the Church will stand, and the minister will repeat the following covenant:

"Do you, the members of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, enter into a covenant with this applicant [or these applicants] for membership, and promise to watch over, instruct, counsel, and cherish him [or her or them] with all long-suffering, gentleness, and love?"

The members will then answer, "By the grace of God we will." The hand of fellowship may be extended by the members. The preacher shall then register the names of the accepted members in the Church record.

SECTION II.

BAPTISM OF ADULTS.

Our Lord commanded his apostles, saying, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" (Matt. 28:19). On the day of Pentecost, the multitude, under the preaching of the word, "were pricked in the heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:37, 38).

"Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls" (Acts 2:41).

Philip, the evangelist, went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ to the people. And "when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women" (Acts 8:12).

Dearly beloved, it has pleased God, in his infinite mercy, to awaken you to a sense of your guilt and danger, and to lead you, as we humbly trust, to repentance and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. By presenting yourself for this holy sacrament, you declare your purpose to lead a new life, and to seek an inheritance with the righteous in the "house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

Do you now solemnly consecrate yourself to Christ and his service; and will you endeavor henceforth to keep God's

holy commandments and to walk in the same all the days of your life? If so, answer, "I will endeavor so to do, the Lord being my helper."

The minister shall then baptize the candidate, the service to be concluded with a short prayer and benediction.

SECTION III.

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN.

"And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them" (Mark 10:13-16).

In presenting this child for baptism, you not only signify your faith in the Christian religion, of which baptism is an ordinance, but also your desire that he [or she] may early know and follow the will of God, may live and die a Christian, and attain unto everlasting life.

In order to do this, it will be your duty, as parents [or guardians] to teach him [or her] early the fear of the Lord; to watch over his [or her] education, that he [or she] be not led astray; to direct his [or her] youthful mind to the Holy Scriptures, and his [or her] feet to the sanctuary; to restrain him [or her] from evil associates and habits; and, as much as in you lies, to bring him [or her] up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Will you endeavor so to do, by the help of God? If so, answer, "I will."

The minister shall then baptize the child, repeating the full name of the same, saying:

I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

All to be followed by a short prayer by the minister.

SECTION IV.

HOLY COMMUNION.

"He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces

from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed" (Isa. 53:3-5).

"And when the hour was come, he sat down and the twelve apostles with him. And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer: for I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: for I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come. And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you" (Luke 22:14-20).

"For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come" (I. Cor 11:23-26).

As many of you as truly love our Lord Jesus Christ are now invited humbly to receive these elements in memory of the suffering and death of your Lord and Savior.

Singing.

Prayer.

Administration of the elements.

Section V.

Ordination of Elders.

On the day appointed for ordination services a suitable sermon shall be preached, whenever practicable. The officiating bishop (or elder, in the absence of a bishop) shall call, if they be present, one or more elders to assist him in the ceremonies of ordination.

After the names of the candidates have been read aloud, the bishop (or elder) shall address them as follows:

An elder "must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; but a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers" (Tit. 1:7-9).

Are you assured that you are inwardly moved by the Holy Ghost to take upon you the office of the ministry to serve God in the church of Christ to the honor and glory of his holy name? If so, answer, "I am, as I truly believe."

Do you believe the Holy Scriptures, Old and New Testaments? If so, answer, "I do believe them."

Will you apply due diligence to frame and fashion your life according to the doctrines of Christ, and to make yourself, as much as in you lies, a wholesome example to the flock of Christ? If so, answer, "I will, the Lord being my helper."

Will you loyally maintain the doctrines and polity of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, and devote yourself with all possible zeal and faithfulness to the extension of the Master's kingdom in whatever field you may be assigned from time to time in the ministerial service? If so, answer, "I will endeavor, through the grace of God, to do so."

Prayer by the officiating bishop.

After the prayer the bishop and elders shall lay their hands upon the heads of each of them, and the bishop shall say:

Take thou authority to execute the office of an elder in the church of God, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Thereupon the bishop (or elder) shall deliver to each of them the Holy Bible, saying:

Take thou authority to preach the Word of God, and to administer the ordinances in the church of Christ.

Prayer by the bishop or one of the elders.

After the prayer the bishop shall read Luke 12:35-38.

"Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; and ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately. Blessed are those servants whom the lord when he cometh

shall find watching; verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants."

The following benediction is to be pronounced:

The peace of God keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SECTION VI.

HOME MISSION CONSECRATION SERVICE.

DEARLY BELOVED: You have been appointed as missionary to ———— and are commissioned to carry the bread of eternal life to souls who will perish without it.

Listen to the Word of the Lord: "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2:21). "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?" (Rom. 10:14, 15).

The Home Missionary Society, under divine direction as we believe, is about to send you out to preach the living Word to perishing souls.

Question. Have you a deep, abiding love for souls, and an absorbing interest in their salvation? and have you felt especially called of God to this work? If so, answer, "I have, as I truly believe."

God's Word says: "But arise and stand up on thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee" (Acts 26:16). "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). "To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me" (Acts 26:18).

Question. Are you willing to work under the direction of the Home Missionary Society of the United Brethren in Christ, devoting your time and energy to the work to which you are appointed? If so, answer, "I am, the Lord being my helper."

It is God's will "that repentance and remission of sins ould be preached in his name among all nations, beginning Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things" (Luke :47, 48).

Question. Do you then publicly dedicate yourself to this rk of God? If so, answer, "I do."

"Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the rld."

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM.

(To be used in connection with above service.)

1. Song.
2. Scripture. II. Timothy 4 : 1-8.
3. Song.
4. Explanatory Remarks.
5. Remarks by Candidates.
6. Song.
7. Charge to Candidates.
8. Reading of Consecration Service.
9. Consecratory Prayer.
10. Song.
11. Benediction.

SECTION VII.

FOREIGN MISSION CONSECRATION SERVICE.

e representative of the Foreign Mission Board shall then ddress the candidates as follows:

'And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, d teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the ther, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching em to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded u: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of world" (Matt. 28 : 18-20).

You have listened to the command which Christ gave to first disciples and which constitutes his church a mis- nary church in all ages. You believe that this command plies to all followers of Christ to-day, and that it is in- mbent upon them, in so far as may be possible, to devote ir lives to the extension of his kingdom in the earth. rnestly seeking to obey this command, you are convinced t it is your duty and privilege to engage in the service of rist in a foreign land. You have heard the call of God unding in the depths of your own soul, summoning you

to this high endeavor. You have found this call confirme by the circumstances of your life and the judgment of th board of Foreign Missions. In recognition of these fact and following, as we believe, the leadership of the Hol Spirit, we desire to set you apart to the work of a foreig missionary, to witness for Christ in non-Christian lands, an to bestow upon you the commission of the Foreign Mission ary Society.

Question. Have you a deep love for souls, and a stron passion for their salvation, and have you felt especiall called of God to missionary work? If so, answer, "I hav as I truly believe."

Question. Do you give yourself unreservedly to the wor of Christ in the land to which you have been assigned, i humble reliance upon divine help, and do you make it th purpose of your life to walk with Christ as his missionar faithful in word and deed, and in hearty co-operation wit your fellow-workers, under the direction of this board? I so, answer, "I do."

I, then, by virtue of the authority bestowed upon me b the Foreign Missionary Society of the United Brethren i Christ, present you with this commission:

THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE
UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST.

DAYTON OHIO, U. S. A

To All to Whom This Shall Come, Christian Greetings.

This certifies that.....
is appointed a missionary of the gospel of Jesus Christ, ou Lord, to ....., under the directio and regulations of the Foreign Missionary Society of th United Brethren in Christ, and is entitled to all the righ and privileges attaching to that office.

Given this.....day of....., 19...

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President of Board.

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Chairman of Executive Committee.

.....
General Secretary.

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to eve creature."

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM.

(To be used in connection with above service.)

1. Song.
2. Scripture lesson. Romans 10 : 12-15; Acts 26 : 16-20. d 13 : 47-49.
3. Prayer.
4. Song.
5. Introductory Words.
6. Remarks by the Candidates.
7. Song.
8. Charge to the Candidates.
9. Consecration Service.
0. Prayer of Consecration.
1. Song.
2. Benediction.

SECTION VIII.

CONSECRATION OF A DEACONESS.

After a suitable introductory service has been held, the ciating bishop (or elder, in the absence of the bishop) y call other elders, if they be present, to assist in the secration service.

be read by the officiating bishop:

In response to the will of God, who called Phoebe and reas into the services of the church, you present yourself ordination to the office of deaconess in the Church of United Brethren in Christ. The work of a deaconess is igh and holy calling, requiring unselfish and sacrificial or. Like our gracious Master, you are to go about doing d, ministering to the wants of a suffering, sorrowing, and -laden world. You are to minister to the poor, visit the k, pray with the dying, care for the orphan, seek the wan- ing, comfort the sorrowing, and save the sinning. Such vice confers a high honor, but also lays upon you a great ponsibility. The church now solemnly sets you apart for s special service.

e following questions should be asked:

Do you believe that you have been led by the Holy Spirit assume the duties of a deaconess in the church? If so, wer, "I do."

Do you, in the presence of God and of this congregation, mise faithfully to perform the duties of a deaconess? If answer, "I do."

Do you fully accept the Holy Scriptures as the Word o God? If so, answer, "I do."

Will you accept the direction of those whom the Churc may set over you in the prosecution of your work? If so answer, "I will."

Prayer of consecration, the candidate kneeling.

After the prayer, the consecrator shall place his right han on the head of the candidate and shall say:

Take thou authority to perform the duties of a deacones in the church of God, in the name of the Father, and of th Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Delivery of certificate, deaconess standing.

Song, "Take my life and let it be," or other suitable song.

Benedictory prayer.

SECTION IX.

LAYING CORNER-STONE.

The following order of service may be observed:

1. *Singing.*
2. *Reading of Scripture.* (Ps. 132; I. Cor. 3:8-23.)
3. *Prayer.*
4. *Singing.*
5. *Sermon or address.*
6. *Collection.*
7. *Laying of stone.*

The minister, standing by the stone, shall exhibit the box be deposited, and read the list of contents. Then th minister, assisted by the builder, shall deposit the box an adjust the stone to its resting place. This done the off ciating minister shall say:

BELOVED: In ancient time God commanded his serva Moses to set up the tabernacle in the wilderness, and b stowed his blessing upon Solomon, the king, in erecting th temple in Jerusalem, whither the tribes came up to worshi In like manner he has moved your hearts to erect a sanct ary, where, in years to come, his people may assemble f prayer and praise. As this corner-stone is placed in positio the stone upon which this temple shall rest, may our ow lives be built more securely upon Jesus Christ, the chi corner-stone.

In repeating the following sentence the minister shall stri the stone after the words "Father," "Son," and "Ho Spirit," the trustees and other church officials respondi

"Amen" after every stroke. Trustees and officials shall join the minister in the final "Amen and Amen."

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we lay this corner-stone in the foundation of a house to be erected and dedicated for the worship of God, wherein his word shall be preached and his worship maintained. Amen and Amen.

8. *Doxology.*
9. *Benediction by the pastor.*

SECTION X.

CHURCH DEDICATION.

The following order of service may be used:

1. *Scripture Reading.* (Ps. 84; or, Isa. 62 and Ps. 122.)
2. *Singing.*
3. *Prayer.*
4. *Singing.*
5. *Sermon.*
6. *Offering.*
7. *Singing.*
8. *Scripture reading, with congregation standing.*

"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven, and heaven of heavens, cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded? Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O Lord my God, to hearken unto the cry and unto the prayer which thy servant prayeth before thee to-day: that thine eyes may be opened toward this house night and day, even toward the place of which thou hast said, My name shall be there: that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall make toward this place. And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place: and hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place: and when thou hearest, forgive."

"For the Lord hath chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his habitation. This is my rest forever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it. I will abundantly bless her provision; I will satisfy her poor with bread. I will also clothe her priests with salvation: and her saints shall shout aloud for joy" (Ps. 132: 13-16).

"Now, my God, let, I beseech thee, thine eyes be open, and let thine ears be attent unto the prayer that is made in this place. Now therefore arise, O Lord God, into thy

resting place, thou, and the ark of thy strength: let thy priests, O Lord God, be clothed with salvation, and let thy saints rejoice in goodness" (II. Chr. 6:40, 41).

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting: and let all the people say, Amen. Praise ye the Lord" (Ps. 106:48).

Address to the trustees at the dedication of a church, the trustees standing in front of the altar.

BRETHREN: You have been selected by the church to hold the honorable and responsible place of trustees of this house of worship, to be dedicated to the service of Almighty God. In this office you represent the church, and will act on its behalf and for its welfare, but in no sense forget the interests of the community which are identified with the house of God.

The house of God is sacred; it is God's holy temple, where he is to be worshiped in the beauty of holiness and love; therefore, do nothing in vainglory, but by love serve one another. Nothing should enter this sacred place that will defile the temple of God; but at the same time let it ever be remembered that all works of justice, of mercy, of love, of helpfulness of whatsoever kind are proper in the house of God.

By your official relation you are vitally interested in this temple. Protect it at all times; preserve it for constant service; improve it as needs arise. As assistants of the pastor, help him to make this a holy place. As representatives of the church in the community, win men to it, and through it to the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the name of the Holy Trinity I now give this key to the president of the board as the symbol of your authority, to hold this property in trust for God and the Church of the United Brethren in Christ. I pray that Christian faith and hope and love may dwell in your hearts, and that the Holy Spirit may be your guide and comforter.

10. *Dedicatory Prayer.*

And now, Lord God of our fathers, we give this house to thee. As thy people have builded it for thy worship and glory, we pray that thou wilt accept it in the name of thy Son our Savior, and manifest thyself approvingly to all who have given to this work a sincere desire to honor thee and to save men. As thou didst dwell in the temple at Jerusalem, so make this thy resting place. Show forth thy power and glory here from time to time in the salvation of

sinners, and in the edification of thy people. When thy servants preach the word in this house, be thou in them, and accompany the truth by thy Holy Spirit, to the hearts of all who shall hear. And when thy people meet in this place for prayer and praise, reveal thyself graciously to their faith, and vouchsafe unto them the joys of thy great salvation. Preserve this house, we beseech thee, from fire and storm, and make it a very great blessing to as many as shall worship before thine altar. May the people remember that this is thy house—the place where thy honor dwelleth—and approach it with reverence and gladness. And not only accept this house, but accept also our hearts as we dedicate them anew to thee. Cleanse them and make them fit temples for the indwelling of thy Spirit. Accept, we pray thee, all we bring in this hour of consecration, sealing it with thine own approval. And at last gather us all into that eternal temple not made with hands, and thy name, O God the Father ["*Amen,*" *responded by trustees*], and thy name, O Christ the Son ["*Amen,*" *responded by trustees,*] and thy name, O Holy Spirit ["*Amen,*" *responded by trustees*], shall have all the praise evermore. Amen and Amen [*repeated together by officiating minister and trustees*]. Let all the people say, Amen ["*Amen,*" *responded by the people*].

11. Doxology.

12. Benediction by the pastor.

Section XI.

Parsonage Dedication.

The following order of service may be used:

1. *Scripture Reading.*
2. *Singing.*
3. *Prayer.*
4. *Singing.*
5. *Sermon.*
6. *Offering.*
7. *Singing.*
8. *Scripture reading with congregation standing.*

It pleased God in ancient times when he gave his chosen people a sanctuary modeled and dedicated after his own counsel, to provide a ministry of service that the fires might be kept burning and that his name might be honored throughout the generations.

God also set apart a certain tribe and a certain family, distinctly chosen to perpetuate in purity the service of his sanctuary.

This tribe and family were provided with material support and homes were set apart for them.

Our Savior also provided a ministry to perpetuate his word and fill the world with the gospel of the kingdom. He likewise made provision for their support saying: "They which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." In accordance with this provision our parsonages are dedicated to God as property of the Church, thus providing homes for those who proclaim the will of God to the people and preach the gospel of salvation to the multitudes.

This house has been built by the offerings of the people, and we now bring it as an offering unto God, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

9. Address to the trustees.

BRETHREN: You have been selected by the church to hold the honorable and responsible place of trustees of this house, to be dedicated to the service of Almighty God. In this office you represent the church, and will act on its behalf and for its welfare, but in no sense forget the interests of the community which are identified with this house.

It is your duty to protect, preserve, and repair this building, and improve these grounds as occasion may arise.

In the name of the Holy Trinity I now give this key to the president of the board as the symbol of your authority, to hold this property in trust for God and for the Church of the United Brethren in Christ. I pray that Christian faith and hope and love may dwell in your hearts, and that the Holy Spirit may be your guide and comforter.

10. Dedicatory prayer.

And now, Lord God of our Fathers, we give this house to thee. As thy people have builded it to thy glory, we pray that thou wilt accept it in the name of thy Son, our Savior, and manifest thyself approvingly to all that have given to this work with a sincere desire to honor thee. Show forth thy power and glory in the salvation of souls and in the edification of thy people. When thy servants preach the word be thou in them, and accompany the truth by thy Holy Spirit to the hearts of all that shall hear. Preserve this house, we beseech thee, from fire and storm, and make it a very great blessing. And not only accept this house but accept also our hearts as we dedicate them anew to thee. Cleanse them and make them fit temples for the indwelling of thy Spirit. Accept, we pray thee, all we bring in this

hour of consecration, sealing it with thine own approval. And at last gather us all into that eternal temple not made with hands, and thy name, O God the Father [*"Amen," responded by trustees*], and thy name, O Christ the Son [*"Amen," responded by trustees*], and thy name, O Holy Spirit [*"Amen," responded by trustees*], shall have all the praise ever more. Amen and Amen [*repeated together by officiating minister and trustees*].

11. Doxology.

12. Benediction by the pastor.

Section XII.

MARRIAGE CEREMONY.

The minister shall say:

We are gathered together in the sight of God in the presence of these witnesses, to join together N. and M. as husband and wife. The institution of marriage is coeval with the family of man. God saw that it was not good for man to be alone even in paradise and formed and gave to him woman, that she might be a "help meet for him." This union, like that of the body and soul, is only to be severed by the hand of death.

Here the minister may say:

If any person knows any just cause or impediment why these persons should not be joined in marriage, let the same now speak or forever keep silent.

No impediment being alleged, the minister, addressing the persons to be married shall further say:

Deeming it sufficient to refer you to the Holy Scriptures concerning the duties you will owe henceforth to each other, I will receive your mutual plighted faith, and seal your marriage vows.

To the man:

Will you have this woman to be your wedded wife, to live with her after God's ordinance; will you love, honor, comfort, and cherish her, in sickness and in health, in prosperity and adversity, and forsaking all others, keep yourself to her only, so long as you both shall live? If so, answer, "I will."

To the woman:

Will you have this man to be your wedded husband, to live with him after God's ordinance; will you love, honor, comfort, and cherish him, in health and in sickness, in prosperity and adversity, and forsaking all others, keep yourself unto him only, so long as you both shall live? If so, answer, "I will."

The minister shall then join their right hands, and placing his right hand upon theirs, shall say:

Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder. Inasmuch as you have consented together in marriage, and have declared the same before God and in the presence of these witnesses, I pronounce you husband and wife, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The minister may then offer a brief prayer, to be followed by this benediction:

May God, the gracious Father, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord, mercifully, with his favor, look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual blessings and grace, that you may so live together in this life that in the world to come you may have everlasting life. Amen.

SECTION XIII.

MARRIAGE CEREMONY WITH RING.

The minister shall say:

Dearly beloved, we are here in the sight of God, and in the presence of these witnesses, to unite together these two persons in holy marriage. They have passed satisfactorily the tests and requirements of the family, of the state, and of the church, and now stand unchallenged in this presence to be admitted into the holy state commanded by the Word of God, to be had in honor among all men.

It is becoming that this marriage relation be entered into discreetly, reverently, advisedly, soberly, and in the fear of God. I, therefore, a minister of the blessed gospel, entreat you both to seek the help of God in this moment and in all your privileges and duties, that his love and grace may make your union fruitful of comfort and usefulness, and a furtherance of your salvation and everlasting life.

To the man:

Do you take this woman before God and these witnesses to be your wife? If so, answer, "I do."

Do you promise to love and honor her, defend, support, and comfort her, in joy and in sorrow, in health and in sickness, in prosperity and adversity? If so, answer, "I do."

Will you be faithful to her in all things, and endeavor to be a good husband to her so long as you both shall live? If so, answer, "I will."

To the woman:

Do you take this man, before God and these witnesses, to be your husband? If so, answer, "I do."

Do you promise to love, honor, and comfort him, in joy and in sorrow, in health and in sickness, in prosperity and adversity? If so, answer, "I do."

Will you be faithful to him in all things, and endeavor to be a good wife to him so long as you both shall live? If so, answer, "I will."

What token and pledge do you offer that you will faithfully perform these covenant vows?

The man shows the ring, holding it in his right hand, and answers:

This ring.

The minister shall say to the woman:

Do you accept this ring in token of the same covenant upon your part? If so, answer, "I do."

Then the man, the minister guiding his right hand, shall place the ring on the third finger of her left hand, and the minister shall say:

Let us pray.

He may offer an extempore prayer, or use the following:

Our Father, which art in heaven, thou hast recorded the promises of these thy servants now made to each other. We entreat thee to unite their hearts and lives in the bond of a true and abiding affection, that they may share all the blessings of a happy marriage. May their lives be preserved from evil, and their love know no doubt, but grow in purity and sweetness with the number of their years. Bestow upon them the Holy Spirit and true heavenly wisdom, that they may be preserved from all things which have a tendency to diminish the happiness of this holy estate. Enable them by thy grace to live together according to thy holy will, and may they at last enter into eternal life and fellowship with thy saints in the kingdom of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the minister request them to join their right hands; the minister, laying his right hand upon theirs, shall say to them:

Inasmuch as you have covenanted together in these sacred bonds, and have witnessed the same by this token, I pronounce you husband and wife, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

What therefore God hath joined together let no man put asunder.

"The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: the Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace." Amen.

SECTION XIV.

BURIAL OF THE DEAD.

After the casket is lowered into the grave, the minister shall repeat the following:

"Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not." "Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am."

In the midst of life we are in death; unto whom should we seek for succor but unto thee, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased? Our hope is in thy Son Jesus Christ, who hath said, "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

"And I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

"There shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

Inasmuch as the soul of our brother [or sister] has passed out of time into eternity, we commit his [or her] body to the ground, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, in the confident hope of the resurrection of the just through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Benediction.

SECTION XV.

LORD'S PRAYER—APOSTLES' CREED.

In case the Apostles' Creed or Lord's Prayer be used in any of our services, the following forms may be used:

The Lord's Prayer.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hades. The third day he arose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CHAPTER XXXII.

FORMS.

SECTION I.

CERTIFICATES.

1. Certificate of Transfer of Member.

This is to certify that ..... is an acceptable member of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ at ....., in ..... Conference, and is hereby transferred to the church at ....., in..... Conference.

.....Pastor

Date.....

NOTE.—This is not a letter of dismissal from our Church, and it does not terminate the connection of the member with the local church which grants the transfer until it is deposited with another church. This certificate is void after eighteen months from date.

Return Certificate.

This is to certify that on ....., 19...,. .....was received into the fellowship of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ at ....., in..... Conference, from the church at .....

.....Pastor

Please fill out and return to.....

(The pastor who issues a certificate of transfer shall notify the pastor of the charge to which the member removes, and the pastor who receives a member on such certificate shall notify the church granting it. Chapter IV., Section VI. Pastor who issues certificate should fill out last blank on return certificate.)

2. Certificate of Recommendation.

This is to certify that ..... is a member in good standing of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, at ....., and is hereby recommended to the confidence and fellowship of Christians everywhere.

.....Pastor.

Date .....

3. Certificate of Withdrawal.

This is to certify that ..... has been until this date a member of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, at ....., and is granted this letter of withdrawal from the Church by a vote of the class.

.....Pastor.

Date .....

SECTION II.

LICENSES.

4. License for Quarterly-Conference Preacher.

This is to certify that ——— is an approved preacher of the gospel in the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, as long as his conduct and doctrine are conformable with the gospel of Christ, as held by this Church. Given at a quarterly conference, held on ——— charge, ——— annual conference, this——— day of ——— in the year of our Lord ———. Void unless renewed annually.

.....Conf. Supt.

Date.....

5. Permanent License for Quarterly-Conference Preacher.

This is to certify that ——— has completed the course of reading required, and is hereby granted a permanent license as a quarterly-conference preacher by ——— charge, ——— annual conference, in the Church of the United Brethren in Christ.

.....Conf. Supt.

Date.....

6. Annual-Conference Preacher's License.

This is to certify that ——— is an approved preacher of the gospel in the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, as long as his conduct and doctrine are conformable with the gospel of Christ. Given at the ——— annual confer-

ence, held in ———, this ——— day of ——— in the yea
of our Lord, ———. Signed in behalf of said conferenc
.....Bishop.

Date.....

7. Elder's License.

This is to certify that ——— is an approved preacher
the gospel in the Church of the United Brethren in Chris
as long as his conduct and doctrine are conformable wi
the gospel of Christ, and has been ordained to the office
elder by the laying on of hands.

Given at the ——— annual conference, held in ———
this ——— day of———, in the year of our Lord ———

Signed and sealed in behalf of said conference.

.....Bishop.

Date.....

8. Transfer of Preacher.

This is to certify that ——— is a ——— of the Chur
of the United Brethren in Christ, of ——— Conferen
and is hereby transferred to ——— Conference of sa
Church.

.....Bishop.

Date.....

9. Deaconess' Certificate.

This is to certify that ——— is an approved deacon
in the Church of the United Brethren in Christ.

Authorized by the ——— quarterly conference of ———
charge, ——— annual conference.

.....Conf. Supt.

.....Secretary.

Date.....

10. Deaconess' Certificate of Consecration.

This is to certify that ——— is an approved deaconess
the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, as long as
conduct and doctrine are conformable with the gospel
Christ and with the government of the Church, and has b
consecrated to the office of deaconess by the laying on
hands at ———, this ——— day of ———, in the year
our Lord ———.

[Signed].....Bish

SECTION III.

BEQUESTS.

11. The Missionary Societies.

I give and bequeath to the ——— Missionary Society of e United Brethren in Christ, organized by the General onference of said Church, May 20, 1853, and incorporated Butler County, Ohio, September 23, 1854, and reorganized the General Conference at Topeka, Kansas, May, 1905, e sum of ——— dollars; and the receipt of the treasurer the society shall be a sufficient discharge thereof to my ecutors and administrators.

[Name].....

12. The Church Erection Society.

I bequeath to the Church Erection Society of the United rethren in Christ the sum of ——— dollars, to be invested cording to the constitution of this society.

[Name].....

13. Women's Missionary Association.

I give, devise, and bequeath to the Women's Missionary ssociation of the United Brethren in Christ, the sum of ——— dollars, to be applied to the purposes set forth in Articles of Incorporation adopted March 28, 1890.

[Name].....

14. Church Trustees.

I give, devise, and bequeath to the Trustees of the Unit- Brethren in Christ, an incorporation located at Dayton, io, for the Church of the United Brethren in Christ,——— llars, to be applied as follows:

(Here state precisely the purpose for which the bequest is ade, or say, "To be used at the discretion of said trustees to omote the cause of Christianity in said Church.")

[Name].....

15. Bonebrake Theological Seminary.

I give and bequeath to the Bonebrake Theological Sem- ary of the United Brethren in Christ, located at Dayton, io, authorized by the General Conference of said Church Lebanon, Pennsylvania, May 2, 1869, and incorporated cording to the laws of Ohio, the sum of ——— dollars; d the receipt of the business manager shall be a sufficient scharge thereof to my executors.

[Name].....

SECTION IV.

REPORTS.

16. Pastor's Report to the Quarterly Conference.

QUARTERLY REPORT.

.....Annual Conference, United Brethren in Chri

.....District .....{ Station { Circuit .....Missions .....Quarter .....19..	CLASSES OR FIELDS OF LABOR.									
	Salem	Bethel	Shiloh	Union	Liberty	Zion	Fairview	Carmel	Etc.	
No. appointments ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
No. members at beginning	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
No. members received	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
No. members lost....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
No. members at present	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
No. baptisms	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Discourses preached.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Pastoral visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Class meetings held.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Telescopes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Watchwords	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Evangels	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
No. Sunday schools .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
No. in Home Dept. .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
No. on Cradle Roll .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
No. in Adult Bible Classes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
No. in entire schools	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
No. Young People's Societies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
No. Junior Young People's Societies .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
No. Women's Aid Societies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
No. W. M. A. (local)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
No. in Home Mission Study Classes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
No. in Foreign Mission Study Classes.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Collected for Pastor's Salary	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Collected for Conf. Supt.'s Salary	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Collected for Special Budget	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Offerings for	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Offerings for	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	

Remarks .....

.....Pastor

Pastor's Quarterly Report to the Conference Superintendent and Conference Treasurer.

eports for the council of administration are due as fol-
:

irst report .....

econd report .....

hird report .....

ourth report .....

inal report to the conference superintendent fifteen days
re the convening of the annual conference.

o not fail to get all reports in on time. Hang up this
beside your writing desk.

or's Quarterly Report to the Conference Superintendent and Council of Administration.

ame of charge.....

ame of pastor.....

lary this year $..... Last year..... Benevo-
budget.....

	1st Quar.	2nd Quar.	3rd Quar.	4th Quar.	Total
ns preached.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
al calls.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
d on local budget.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
paid.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
d on benevolence budget.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
n benevolence budget.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
h repairs.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
age repairs.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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ope subscriptions.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
y-school enrollment.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
er organized classes.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
an Endeavor enrollment.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
d Jr. C. E. enrollment.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
A. societies.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
ers Otterbein Guild.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
n's Aid Societies.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
rsions.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
ons.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
t membership.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

te—Report only money sent to conference treasurer. In filling
h quarter, be sure to fill in the report for the preceding quarter.

Report to Conference Treasurer.

.....19..

Mr. .....Conference Treasurer

Dear Brother:

Enclosed find P. O. order, draft, or check from.....
.....station or circuit, which you will credit as follows

For benevolence budget.....$.....

For conference budget.....$.....

Specials (not to be counted on budget).....$.....

For note held by.....society.....

against .....$.....

For Orphanage and Home.....$.....

For conference minutes.....$.....

For .....$.....

For .....$.....

For .....$.....

.....Pasto

Street .....

Post Office.....

NOTE.—Report on this blank only the amount you remit
Write any explanation on the back of this blank.

18. Sunday-School Superintendent's Report.

.....Sunday Schoo

.....Quarter

.....[Date]

1. Number of officers and teachers.....
2. Number of scholars enrolled.....
   - (a) Cradle Roll .....
   - (b) Beginners' Department .....
   - (c) Primary Department .....
   - (d) Junior Department .....
   - (e) Intermediate Department.....
   - (f) Senior Department.....
   - (g) Adult Department .....
   - (h) Home Department .....
   - (i) Training Department .....

   Total .....
3. Average attendance .....
4. Number of organized classes.....
5. Watchword .....
6. The Boys' Friend.....

The Girls' Friend.....
Our Little Folks.....
Otterbein Teacher .....
Otterbein Home Department Quarterly.....
Otterbein Adult Quarterly.....
Otterbein Young People's Quarterly.....
Otterbein Intermediate and Senior Quarterlies.....
Otterbein Junior Quarterly.....
Otterbein Primary Quarterly.....
Otterbein Bible Lesson Leaves.....
Bible Pictures for Our Little Ones.....
Amount of offering.....
Expenses of the quarter.....
Contributions for local budget.....
" " benevolence budget .....
Remarks. .....
.....Superintendent.

. *Report of President of Young People's Society.*

.....Class, ...Quarter.
.....[Date.]

Number of members at beginning of quarter:
Active..... Associate.....
Honorary.....
Members received .....
Members lost .....
Present membership .....
Number associate members converted.....
Number meetings held .....
Number Watchwords taken.....
Funds collected .....
For what purposes .....
Remarks .....
.....President.

20. Class-Leader's Report.

.....Class .....Quarter
.....[Date.]

Number of members.....
Number of meetings held .....
Average attendance .....
Number of sick and delinquent members visited.....
.....Class-leader.

21. Class-Steward's Report.

.....Class, ...Quarter.

.....[Date.]

1. Apportionment for year.....
2. Amount due at end of quarter .....
3. Amount paid .....
4. Deficit .....
5. Surplus .....

.....Steward.

22. Pastor's Annual Report.

(According to form submitted by board of bishops.)

23. Conference Superintendent's Quarterly Report to Bishop.

(According to form provided by the bishop.)

24. Financial Secretary's Report.

Report of .....Financial Secretary
To.....Quarterly Conference of
..... Church
..... Annual Conference
United Brethren in Christ.

.....191...

Amount Due to Date.....
Received from

1. .....
2. .....
3. .....
4. .....
5. .....
6. .....
7. .....
8. .....

Total Receipts - - .....

Shortage .....
or
Excess .....

5. *Annual Report of Treasurer of Board of Church or Parsonage Trustees.*

	Dols.	Cts.
. *Receipts.*		
(1) By subscriptions		
(2) By donations		
(3) Interest		
(4) Collections		
(5) Rents		
Total Receipts		
. *Disbursements.*	*Dols.*	*Cts.*
(1) Erection of —— Church at ——		
(2) Paid on debt—		
(a) Principal		
(b) Interest		
(3) Paid for repairs		
(4) For improvements		
Total disbursements		
. *Indebtedness.*	*Dols.*	*Cts.*
(1) Principal		
(2) Interest		
(3) Bills unpaid		
Total indebtedness		

. Number of Meetings held .....
. Remarks .....
.....Treasurer.

SECTION V.

CONTRIBUTION CARDS.

26. For the Support of Our Local Church.

The sum necessary to meet the current expenses of our ocal church this year, including the pastor's salary, will be $.....

To help meet these expenses I desire to contribute the weekly amount under which I mark X in the space below.

Amount Weekly for Local Expense.

$10.00	5.00	2.00	1.00	.75	.50	.35	.25	.15	.10	.05

Name ..... Date.....

Address.....

NOTE.—All subscriptions are calculated on the weekly basis n accordance with I. Cor. 16 : 2. However, if desired, the payments of this subscription may be made monthly, quarterly, or n cash early in the year.

27. *Benevolence.*

Our churches should introduce a weekly system of giving for benevolences as well as for their local needs, and when a congregation introduces such a system it should be relieved from special appeals for purposes provided for in the weekly system. As a suggestive form of pledge for securing the benevolences, the following is proposed:

The United Brethren in Christ; To Preach the Gospel to Others at Home and Abroad.

Our church desires to raise this year,—

For the benevolence budget, $..... which includes the amounts for bishop's support, home missions, foreign missions, church erection, Sunday school and Young People's work, Board of Education, and Bonebrake Seminary; and,—

For the annual conference budget, $..... which includes the amounts for conference superintendent, conference church extension, colleges, and other interests specified by the annual conference.

I will give the weekly amount under which I mark X in the space below, for the above-named objects:

Weekly Amount for All Benevolences.

$10.00	5.00	2.00	1.00	.75	.50	.35	.25	.15	.10	.05

Name ..... Date.....

Address.....

NOTE.—If so directed by the annual conference, the salary of the conference superintendent may be included in the local budget. All subscriptions are calculated on the weekly basis in accordance with I. Cor. 16 : 2. However, if desired, the payments may be made monthly, quarterly, or in cash early in the year. Our Lord and Master will be pleased to have every member of his Church, including the children, contribute to send his gospel to others.

PART VIII

Special Legislation, 1917-1921

The Four-Year Program.

It is evident that no church or denomination can achieve its best success unless it presents to its constituency a positive and comprehensive program that includes related tasks and united effort. The need of the hour for our denomination is a sane, well-defined, aggressive, and constructive program of advance, that will call out our large resources and challenge the united efforts of our boards, institutions, annual conferences, and local churches for the advancement of the kingdom of God.

The key words for such a program are a devotional atmosphere, an evangelistic passion, an educational ideal, a missionary spirit, efficient leadership, the stewardship of life and wealth, and co-operative effort under the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

Recognizing the abundant resources of God and the needs of the world in this decisive hour, we propose a four-year program of earnest endeavor to attain our reasonable ideals for an efficient Church.

The Aim.

The aim of this four-year program is to meet the challenging opportunities before our denomination at home and abroad, as we pass the one-hundredth anniversary of our first General Conference and begin a new century of organized Church life.

This is to be realized through the vitalization of our church membership, and by leading our forces into such a courageous advance in evangelism, education, missions, and individual activities as shall arrest attention and secure the largest growth and efficiency of every department of our local churches, and so strengthen our departmental work and institutions as to greatly intensify our united influence upon America and the world.

Goals.

1. The entire membership of every local church spiritually quickened, organized, and enlisted in various forms of

service; through prayer and personal effort winning 150,000 to Christ and adding 100,000 to the Church at home and abroad, and increasing by twenty-five per cent. the enrollment of our Sunday schools and Christian Endeavor societies.

2. Our institutions of learning, at home and abroad, enriched and strengthened as training agencies for Christian service through an increase of 2,000 students, 500 additional trained ministers, missionaries, and educational leaders, and $2,000,000 in new funds for better equipment, endowment, scholarships, and aid to men and women entering upon the ministry or missionary work.

3. For missions, home and foreign, and church erection, Board of Education, and seminary, Sunday schools, Christian Endeavor, conference extension, orphanages and homes, and other benevolences beyond the bounds of the local church, the sum of $750,000 for the first year, $800,000 for the second year, $900,000 for the third year, and $1,000,000 for the fourth year, in cash or its equivalent.

Methods and Agencies.

1. Personal devotional study of the Word of God for the deepening of the spiritual life; evangelism, personal or pastoral, lay or vocational; every soul won set to work immediately in winning others.

2. The strongest emphasis on the call of God for life service in ministerial and missionary work, and the proper training of recruits.

3. A well-directed annual campaign of information and inspiration on stewardship, missions, and education, to be followed by a thorough every-member canvass.

4. A campaign of education in our colleges and seminary as well as in all our church communities to give each member of the Church a vision of our needs and unswerving purpose to accomplish the work before us as a denomination.

5. The Board of Administration shall have charge of the general direction of this four-year program. The existing agencies, including the church departments, shall co-operate with the board in enlisting the whole Church in the whole program.

6. In the annual conferences, the administration of this four-year program to be under the direction of the bishop, the conference superintendent, and the council of administration.

7. Each local church to create, under direction of the pastor, a four-year program committee which shall seek to realize its share of the goals under plans best suited to its local conditions.

8. Each board and institution of the Church shall be responsible for the accomplishment of its part of the program, and the head of each department shall co-operate sympathetically with the other departments and with the Board of Administration in the realization of all the goals.

9. Our publication department being a necessary factor in the early and proper accomplishment of our possibilities as set forth in this program, the publisher and editors are instructed to render all assistance possible through practical and sympathetic co-operation.

10. The Board of Administration shall have power to appoint, if necessary, a secretary to devote his time to the leadership of this program through this quadrennium. The expense of this secretary shall be a charge against the funds secured during the campaign.

Aid for Aged Ministers.

In view of the urgent and imperative claims of our aged ministers and missionaries, a great pension fund campaign shall be conducted under the direction of the Board of Administration.

RESOLUTIONS ON CHURCH UNION.

Whereas, Very grave obstacles stand in the way of a speedy consummation of church union between the United Brethren and Methodist Protestant churches, because of the unfavorable attitude of a large portion of both denominations toward the proposition, and

Whereas, It is clear that no step should be taken by us that would cause friction and alienation among our own dear people, and

Whereas, We need especially at this time to conserve the Church's energies in carrying forward the four-year program planned by this General Conference;

Therefore, be it resolved, As the sense of this body, that further agitation of the question of organic union cease for the present. If, in the future, Providence should clearly open the way for organic union with any of the denominations similar to ours in faith and polity, we hold ourselves ready for any action that may be deemed proper

to bring about such union. We are also ready and anxious, as we always have been, to fraternize with other Christian bodies, and co-operate with them in the larger work of the kingdom.

We further direct that a commission be appointed on federation and church union, consisting of fifteen members, including the bishops, to which shall be referred all matters relating to church union, federation, and co-operation.

Resolution of Laymen.

Resolved, That we as laymen, delegates to the General Conference of 1917, express our belief that there should be closer co-operation among the denominations of evangelical Protestantism, and that a practical plan of federation should be accomplished; that this should include not only the work of the Federal Council of Churches, but also still more active connection and co-operation with those denominations closely allied to our own in doctrine and polity.

We request the bishops and commission on church union to seek to carry out the spirit of the proposed union with the Methodist Protestant Church, and as far as is possible, to secure co-operation and harmonious work of the communions.

Committee on Courses of Study for the Sunday School.

A standing committee consisting of five members, two of whom shall be the editor of the Sunday-school literature and the general Sunday-school secretary, shall be appointed by the executive committee of the department of Sunday School and Brotherhood work. It shall be the duty of this committee to study the whole matter of religious education, examine all proposed courses of study, including those prepared by the International Sunday School Lesson committee, and superintend the preparation of any new courses that may be deemed necessary to meet the requirements of our Sunday schools.

PART IX

Officers and General Boards

General Officers.—The bishops, G. M. Mathews, W. M. Bell, H. H. Fout, C. J. Kephart, A. T. Howard, Wm. H. Washinger, N. Castle, *emeritus*, W. M. Weekley, *emeritus;* W. R. Funk, publishing agent; J. M. Phillippi and C. I. B. Brane, editors, Religious Telescope; H. F. Shupe, editor, Watchword; W. O. Fries and J. W. Owen, editors, Sunday-school literature; L. O. Miller, general Church treasurer; J. S. Kendall, secretary, Board of Administration; William E. Schell, secretary, Board of Education; J. E. Fout, business manager, Bonebrake Seminary; Charles W. Brewbaker, secretary, Sunday School and Brotherhood work; Col. Robert Cowden, secretary *emeritus;* O. T. Deever, secretary, Young People's work; A. C. Siddall, secretary, board of Church Erection; P. M. Camp, secretary, board of Home Missions; C. Whitney, secretary, *emeritus;* S. S. Hough, secretary, board of Foreign Missions; Mrs. L. R. Harford, president, Women's Missionary Association; Mrs. Alva Kauffman, secretary and treasurer, Women's Missionary Association; Vera B. Blinn, editor, Evangel.

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